





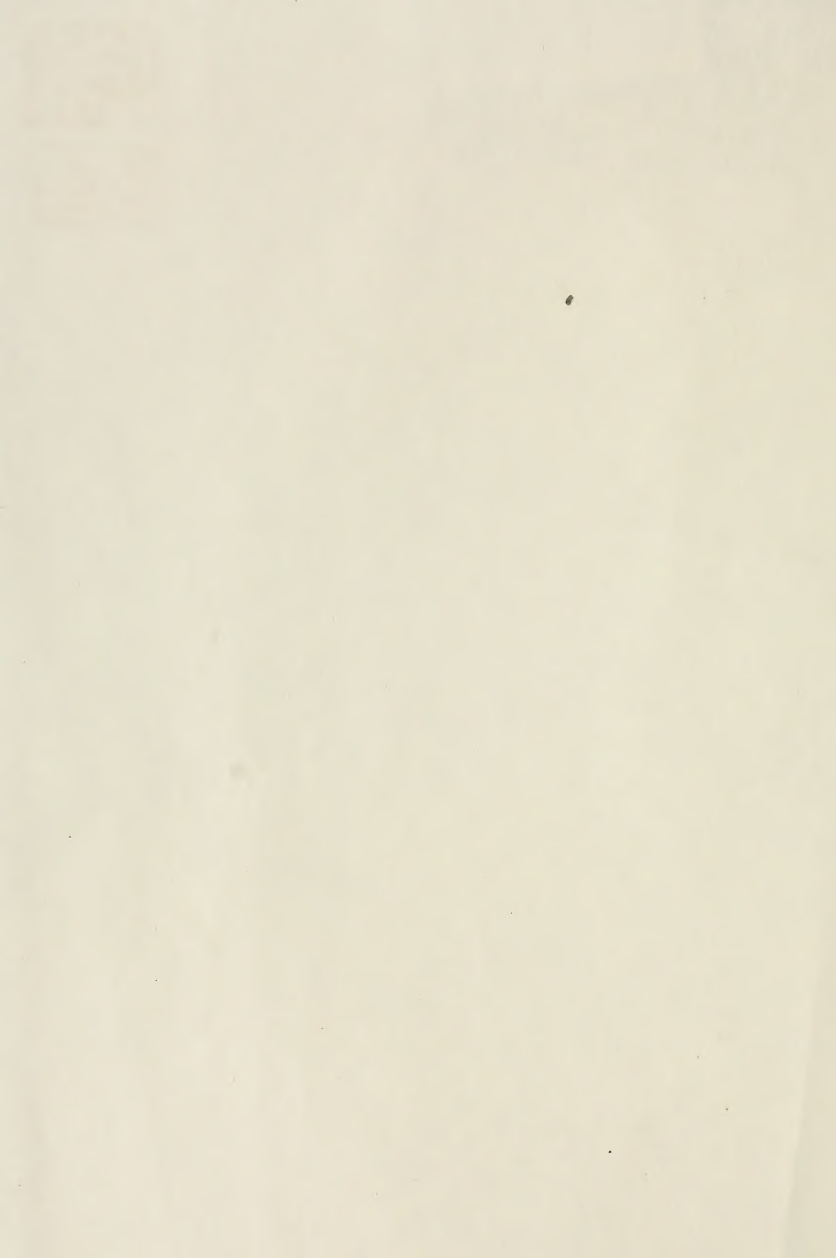


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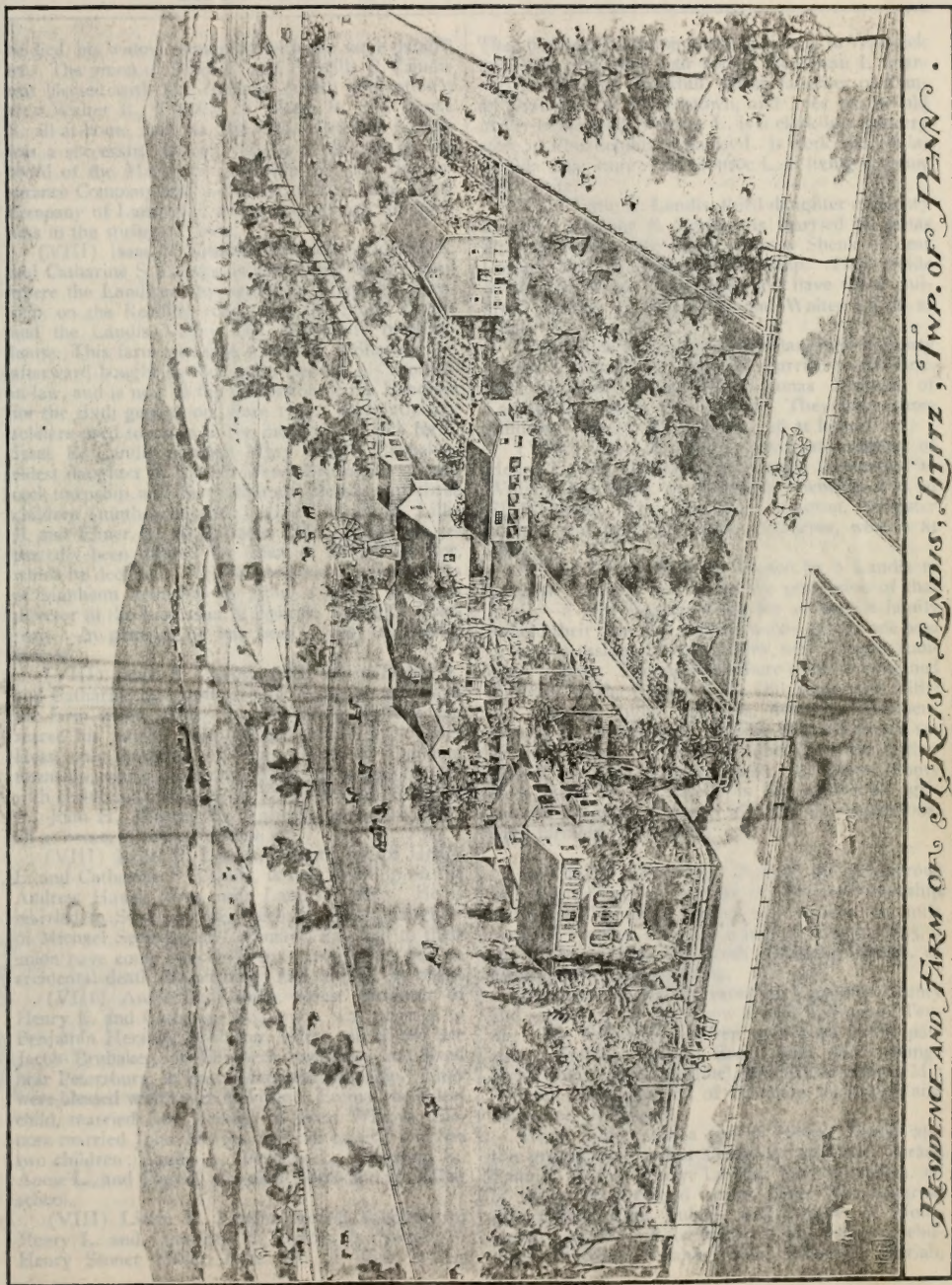
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he died, his widow remaining with the same daughter. The union of Peter R. and Priscilla R. Landis was blessed with five children (ninth generation), viz.: Walter B., Emeline B., Pierce B., and Bessie B., all at home, and one that died. Peter R. Landis was a successful farmer. He is a director on the board of the Manheim Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director in the Union Trust Company of Lancaster, which was opened for business in the spring of 1902.

(VIII) Isaac R. Landis, fifth son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is now living on the farm where the Landises first settled in Manheim township, on the Reading road, near the Stone Bridge and the Landis Valley Old Mennonite meeting-house. This farm was first settled by a Snavely and afterward bought by Benjamin Landis, his brother-in-law, and is now in the possession of the Landises for the sixth generation, since 1751. Revolutionary soldiers used to camp in the meadows of this farm. Isaac R. Landis married Mary Landis Brubaker, eldest daughter of the late Peter Brubaker, of Leacock township, and their union was blessed with three children (ninth generation), viz.: Charley B., Lillie B. and Elmer B., all at home. Mr. Landis has repeatedly been offered the office of school director, which he declined. He has been one of the auditors of Manheim township for quite a while, and is a director in the Lancaster & Ephrata Turnpike Company. In general, he has been a very successful farmer.

(VIII) Jacob R. Landis, sixth son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis is now living on and owns the farm where Henry L., his father, resided and reared his family. He married Annie Buckwalter Hess, only daughter of Henry Hess of Manheim township, near Lancaster, and they have been blessed with children as follows (ninth generation): Henry H., John H., Warren H., Katie H., and Simon H., all at home, attending school.

(VIII) Israel R. Landis, seventh son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is now residing on the Andrew Hauck farm, near Landis Valley. He is married to Susan Rohrer Sechrist, eldest daughter of Michael Sechrist, of Columbia, Pa., and to their union have come two children: Irvin, who met an accidental death, by burning; and Mamie, at home.

(VIII) Annie R. Landis, eldest daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, was married to Benjamin Hershey Brubaker, eldest son of the late Jacob Brubaker, of Elizabeth township, and lived near Petersburg, in East Hempfield township. They were blessed with seven children: Emma, the eldest child, married Roy Kendig, of West Willow; Eleonora married John Meyers of York county, and has two children: Landis L., Frances L., Benjamin L., Annie L., and Clara L. are all at home and attending school.

(VIII) Lizzie R. Landis, second daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Henry Stoner Miller, elder son of Elias Miller.

They live near Lititz, on a very fine farm in Warwick township, and have four sons: Benjamin L. married Bertha Erb Brackbill, eldest daughter of Daniel Brackbill, of Brownstown, and lives on the old Miller homestead; Harvey L. is a clerk in a grocery store in Philadelphia; Charley L. is clerk in a Philadelphia drug store; and Monroe L. is living at home near Lititz.

(VII) Katie R. Landis, third daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Jonas Harnish Shenk, only son of Andrew Shenk, of near Levan's Mill, in Lancaster township. They reside on the old Shenk homestead, and have three children: Landis L., Emma L. and Walter L., all at home.

(VIII) Ella R. Landis, fourth daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Eli Brubaker Mumma, eldest son of Jonas Mumma, of Landisville, where they reside. They have three children: Harry, Eli and Ella, all at home.

(VIII) Clara R. Landis, youngest daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to William Weidman, of Elizabeth township, son of Eli Weidman. They live near Lexington, Lancaster county, and have one child, Catharine, who is at home.

All the farms originally owned by a Landis in Lancaster county, are still in the possession of that family—a very singular thing for so large a family to hold their own and acquire more—except one now in the possession of Lemon Shirk, near Oregon, Lancaster county. Among them there were six ordained ministers of the Gospel of the Old Mennonite faith; one associate judge; lawyers, doctors, statesmen; men of wealth and high standing in business and social life. Most of them still adhere to their mother Church, the Old Mennonite faith. Lancaster county owes much to this family in the matter of agricultural progress, as nearly all, with few exceptions, were farmers.

**SAMUEL TENNIS.** Among the prosperous and enterprising old settlers of Drumore township is Samuel Tennis, a farmer who resides one mile north of Furniss, Pa. He was born May 7, 1835, a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Lukins) Tennis, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

In 1830 the parents came to Lancaster county and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Tennis. The following children were born to the parents: Emiline; Sarah; Enos, who died young; Mary Jane; Lukins; Samuel; Hannah M.; Anna M.; William; Benjamin F., of Drumore township; and Enos (2), of Kansas.

Israel Tennis was a son of Samuel Tennis and the grandfather had a family as follows: Israel, Samuel, Rachel, Mary, Lavina, Jane and Eliza, all of whom are deceased except Jane. The maternal grandfather, Enos Lukins, was a native of Montgomery county and the father of the following children: William, Abraham, Enos, Elizabeth, Mariah,



Sarah, Hannah and Margaret, all deceased. Israel Tennis, the father of Samuel, was born in 1800 and died about 1882, while his wife was born in 1805 and died in 1896, aged ninety-one.

Samuel Tennis, of whom we write, was married in 1859 to Miss Mary Rutter of Bucks county, Pa., daughter of John Rutter. Six children were born of this marriage: James, deceased; Charles, who married Mary Alice Ritchie, of York county; William, deceased; Bromley, who died young; Benjamin, of New York State; and Clinton E., of York, Pa., a machinist by trade. After the death of his first wife Mr. Tennis married Susan Gumpf, of Lancaster City, and she died in 1898, leaving no issue.

The early life of Mr. Tennis was spent upon the farm, attending the district school. Starting out in life a poor man, by hard work he has earned an excellent farm of 200 acres, which is well improved and in a good state of cultivation. In religious matters he is a Quaker, and in politics a Republican, serving as supervisor and township auditor. After a long life of industry, he is now living retired and is cared for by his sister, Anna M. Tennis, a maiden lady. No one is more highly respected in the community than this good man and his estimable sister and they are recognized as kind neighbors and plain, honest people.

SAMUEL BACHMAN, in his lifetime an honored and industrious farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born near Georgetown, Aug. 19, 1791, his parents being Jacob and Ann (Heidelberg) Bachman.

Jacob Bachman, who was born in 1762, was the son of Felix Bachman. Felix Bachman came from Switzerland when a young man and settled in Bart township, where he owned 800 acres of land, which was divided among his children. Jacob and George were his two sons; Margaret Ann, the oldest daughter, married Simeon Geise, and died in Bart township; Barbara and Ann Margaret married two brothers by the name of Pickle, and spent their lives in Bart township.

Jacob Bachman was the father of a family of five children: George, the oldest; Elizabeth Bachman, the wife of Solomon Hamer, of Bart township; Mary Bachman, married to Adam Fogle, of Bart township; Jacob Bachman, who lived and died on the old homestead; Samuel.

Samuel Bachman was reared in Bart township, where he married for his first wife Rebecca Baird, born in Bart township in 1794. They settled at the Green Tree for a time and then moved to White Hall, where the wife died in 1830, leaving four children, two of whom are now living: John Baird Bachman, a resident of Columbia; Hiram F. Bachman, killed by lightning in 1850; Samuel H. Bachman, who died when a young man; Ann Amanda Bachman, unmarried and an invalid, living on the old homestead.

Mr. Bachman married for his second wife, in

September, 1834, Miss Isabella Bower, born in Virginia in 1798. She died in Bart township in October, 1841, leaving two daughters and one son: Harriet E., born and reared in Bart township, living at the old home from which she buried her parents, and much respected and loved for her many kindly qualities; Rebecca, who was educated in the home schools and in the State Normal at Millersville, taught private school in Lancaster county for several years, and lives at the old home; William B., who died in childhood.

Mr. Bachman married for his third wife, in 1844, Miss Hannah Pickle, a lady born and reared in Bart township, by whom he had one daughter, Hannah M., born in 1846, and for a number of years a very successful teacher in Lancaster county. She is now the wife of James Irwin and has three children, H. Mabel, Sarah B. and Mary G.

In 1849 Mr. Bachman bought the farm where his daughters are now living. It adjoins Georgetown, and there he erected good buildings and made many permanent and valuable improvements. He also owned a valuable farm near White Hall. He died in 1882.

Religiously Mr. Bachman was connected with the Presbyterian Church, as were all his daughters excepting Rebecca, who is a Methodist. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was one of the first school directors in the town. His four daughters, noted above, are all that is left of this historic family. They are ladies whose deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness have endeared them to the community.

JOHN KEAGY STONER, for twenty-nine years the head of the well-known hardware and house furnishing firm of Stoner, Shreiner & Co., of Lancaster, and now living retired in his home at No. 543 North Duke street, is one of the most conspicuous and well known figures in Lancaster. No man in the city is better known or more highly respected.

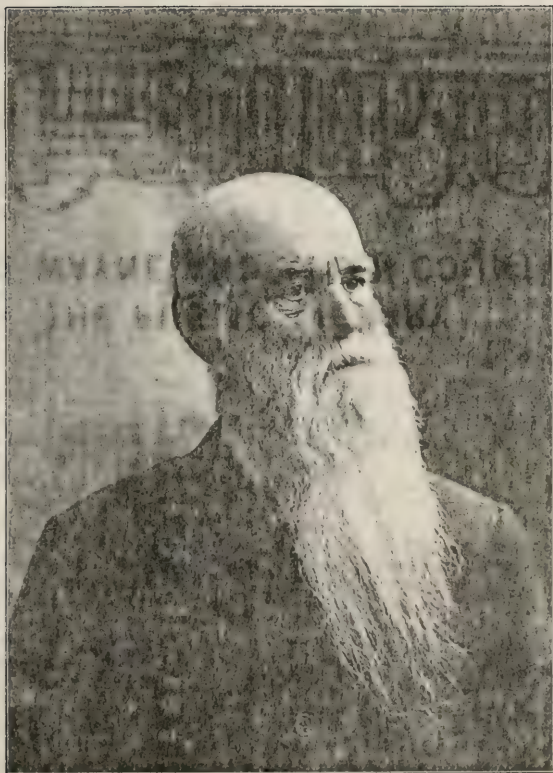
Jacob Stoner, the grandfather of John K., was born in this country, and engaged in farming on Long lane, below New Danville.

Christian Stoner, son of Jacob, was born on the old Stoner homestead, and became a miller and farmer. He married Miss Anna Resh, daughter of Henry Resh, who was a justice of the peace, and one of the most prominent citizens of Pequea township. Thirteen children were born to them, of whom four are living: Christian, a retired merchant of Freeport, Ill.; Eli, a veterinary surgeon of Salunga; Amos, a farmer of Dauphin county; and John K., of Lancaster.

John Keagy Stoner was born near Petersburg March 25, 1833, and was educated in the schools of West Hempfield township. Leaving school, he began work on his father's farm, and when he was quite a young man went to Freeport, Ill., to take a position as clerk in a grocery store. At the end of three years he threw up his position and returned







*John K. Storer*



to his native State. Settling on his father's farm near Salunga, in Lancaster county, he continued on the farm for three years after his marriage. After spending three years in the cultivation of the old homestead, and three years at Neffsville, Mr. Stoner came to Lancaster and engaged in business as a butcher for six years. At the end of that time he quit the shop and bought the building at the southwest corner of North Queen and Walnut streets, which soon became widely known throughout the county as Stoner, Shreiner & Co.'s Corner. There for twenty-nine years Mr. Stoner was steadily at his business, being absent only three weeks in all that period. The firm, which consisted of J. K. Stoner, Isaac I. Shreiner and J. Newton Stauffer, carried on a most successful business. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Stoner retired from active business, and the firm became Shreiner & Stauffer. Mr. Stoner was one of the chief promoters of the Northern Market House, of which he was also a director for some eighteen years. It was Mr. Stoner, associated with his partners, who started the movement that resulted in the building of the Northern National Bank, in which he was for many years a director. These two projects have had much to do with the development of the substantial business interests of that section of the city.

Mr. Stoner was united in marriage with Charlotte Evans, daughter of John Evans, and sister of David Evans, for many years superintendent of public schools for Lancaster county, and justly regarded as one of the foremost educators of the State. The Evans family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in this section of the county. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoner, of whom only two are living: (1) Elmer E., now connected with the establishment of Shreiner & Stauffer, married Sarah, daughter of the late Samuel Groff, a well-remembered citizen of Lancaster, and they have had four children, Kathryn and John K., Jr., living; Helen, who died at the age of four years; and one that died in infancy. (2) Harry E. is now in Europe in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, having been sent there by that corporation with a view to his establishing his permanent residence abroad to attend to the many and complicated interests of that great corporation; his selection for this delicate and responsible position by this great institution is an expression of remarkable confidence in so young a man.

It is impossible in so brief a sketch as this to fully portray the life of one who has been so prominent in business affairs as has Mr. Stoner. It gives but a glimpse at his career and those from whom he is descended, as well as his descendants. Religiously he is descended from that sturdy set known as the Dunkards. In politics he is a Republican. Keen in his observation of men and events, intelligent in his conversation, and social in his nature, Mr. Stoner seems as vigorous, mentally and physically, as though in the very prime of manhood, although he

has long since passed the age at which men are thought to be turning to driftwood. By careful living and regular habits, he has so preserved himself that he gives promise of many years in the enjoyment of his well-earned retirement.

JACOB E. STAUFFER, a general farmer of very high reputation, and a justice of the peace at Sporting Hill, Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born two miles south of Sporting Hill, in that township, Feb. 20, 1837, a son of Henry and Susanna (Eby) Stauffer.

The father was born in White Oak, Lancaster county, and the mother in Warwick township. Both died in Rapho township. The father was a farmer, and served as one of the first school directors when the free school system was first established in Lancaster county. In 1855 he retired from active labors, and died in 1888. He was born in 1802. His wife, who was born March 4, 1805, died in 1885. Their remains now rest in the private burying ground in Rapho township which is owned by Eli B. Mumma. They held to the old Mennonite Church, and were among the good people of their day. In politics he was a Republican, being counted among the reliable men of the community. Born to them were the following children: Catherine E., who married Jacob G. Nissley, and is now dead; Benjamin and Veronica, who died young; Christian, a carpenter at Kissel Hill, a twin with Susan, who married Joseph E. Brubaker, of Rapho township, whose history appears on another page; Jacob E.

Joseph and Catherine (Acker) Stauffer, the grandparents of Jacob E., were born and reared in Lancaster county, where their lives were spent.

Jacob E. Stauffer was married May 5, 1867, in Warwick township, to Barbara Mohn, by whom he had the following children: Stella M., the wife of Aaron Hurst, of East Petersburg, Pa., where he engaged in business as a tobacco farmer; Para M., married to Amos Sumpman, of Mt. Joy, Pa., where he is engaged in broom manufacturing; Henry C., at Reading, Pa., where he married Laura Hefelfinger; Wayne M., single, and at home.

Mrs. Barbara Stauffer was born in Warwick township, March 4, 1843, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Herchelrole) Mohn. Her father was born in Lancaster, and her mother in Clay township. For years he operated a distillery at Pine Hill, near Lititz. He died in 1865, fifty-nine years of age; the mother died Dec. 9, 1877, at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were buried in the Middle Creek Dunkard Meeting House burying ground. They were members of the Lutheran Church. To them were born the following children: John, in the hotel business at Denver, Pa.; Christian, a cigar maker at Lititz; Barbara, whose name is given above; Henry, a horse dealer at Manheim; Susan, the wife of Christ. Stauffer, a carpenter at Warwick; Charles, operating a bakery at Akron, Pa.;





Edmond, a cigar maker at Akron, Pa.; Franklin, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stauffer was Lewis Mohn, of Lancaster county, a cigar maker in his younger days. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Barbara (Young) Herchelrode, farmer folk of Lancaster county.

Jacob E. Stauffer remained with his parents until his marriage. When he was eighteen he began teaching school, and continued in the school room for nine years. After the expiration of his career as a teacher he worked on the farm a year and a half. He spent some time as a photographer in Mt. Joy, and then returned home and was married. In 1868 he began farming in Rapho township, in which he was engaged for ten years. In 1878 he moved to his present home place, a compact garden spot of eleven acres. In 1875 he was elected justice of the peace, a position he has continued to fill to the present time, with the exception of a year and a half when he resigned, but he was again elected. For twelve years he has been town clerk, and is now discharging the duties of his judicial office with marked ability. In politics he is a strong Republican, and is regarded as one of the leaders of the party in this section of Lancaster county.

JOHN HASTINGS (deceased) was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, Dec. 4, 1804, a son of John and Mary (Mahoney) Hastings, of English and Irish ancestry, the Mahoneys belonging to the Scotch-Irish. Both families were represented in the war of the Revolution.

John Hastings, Sr., was the son of Peter and Rachel Hastings, who were born in England. John and Mary (Mahoney) Hastings were married in 1796, and settled on a place in the woods in Colerain township. This his axe converted into a farm, and there both he and his wife died. Their family consisted of the following members: (1) Stephen, born in 1799, married a Miss Potts, and settled in Lancaster township, where he and his wife died in 1832, leaving two daughters: Frances, the widow of Clement Dunlap, of Lancaster; Mary, late wife of Samuel Curtis, of Lancaster. (2) Rachel, born in Colerain township in 1800, married Hays Kuch, who settled in Little Britain, where she died in 1880. (3) Peter, born in 1802, died in 1812. (4) John is the subject of this biography. (5) Jeremiah, born in 1807, married a Miss Smith, of Chester county for his first wife, and settled on the Hastings homestead in Colerain township, where his wife died, leaving four children: Rachel, who married B. Whiteside, of Chester county; Marshall, a resident of Colerain township; Esther, who married W. H. Hogg, of Colerain township, and is dead; William S., of Drumore township. Mr. Hastings married for his second wife Hannah McVeigh, who bore him three children: Rebecca, of Philadelphia; Hannah, the wife of Nathaniel Ferguson, of Philadelphia; Jerry, of Philadelphia. (6) William

Hastings, born in December, 1809, married Miss Fannie Miller, of Lebanon county, and settled in the Cumberland valley, where he died at Newville, leaving one son, William M., who also died, unmarried. (7) B. Frank, born in 1812, married Anna C. Baker, of Vicksburg, a native of England; a few years after his marriage he went to California, where he was among the first prospectors of that region in 1849; he remained in California, where he died in 1881, leaving a wife and two sons: B. F., of Idaho; and J. Uhler, of San Francisco. (8) Margaret, born in 1815, married John Cope, of Little Britain, and moved with him to Illinois, where they died, leaving a family. (9) Nancy M., born in 1818, married Thomas Haines, of Little Britain, settling for a time in Lancaster county, and then moving to Havre de Grace, where he died; his widow died at the residence of a daughter in Chester, leaving four children: John, of Maryland; Sidney, the wife of James Keener, of Wilmington, Del.; Joseph and Frank, both of Chester, the last being the wife of William Rook.

John Hastings was reared a farmer and educated in the public schools of Colerain township. As a young man he was associated in a tanning enterprise with John Whiteside, under the firm name of Whiteside & Hastings. In 1836, however, Mr. Hastings parted company with Mr. Whiteside and bought for himself the Dan Lefever farm and family property, which he cultivated in connection with his tannery, becoming a very successful man. He bought several farms adjoining his own, and gave his entire attention to farming during the later years of his life.

Mr. Hastings was married in June, 1833, to Rebecca, the daughter of Francis and Margaret (Whiteside) Russel, both of Lancaster county. Mrs. Hastings was born in Russellville, Chester county, March 31, 1812, but was reared to womanhood in Lancaster county. Francis Russel, the father of Mrs. Hastings, was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1783, and was the son of Alexander Russel, born in the same house in 1756, his father, Hugh Russel, being born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1726. The latter escaped from the battlefield of Culloden to make his way to America, and became a resident of Chester county, where he died. Francis Russel served in the war of 1812, and in his neighborhood was known as Col. Russel. George B., his son, is a retired physician of Detroit, where he settled many years ago.

After his marriage John Hastings settled in East Drumore township, where he built the present stone house in 1841, and the large barn at the home of his daughter, Emma, was built in 1840. Mr. Hastings died at his home in August, 1892. Always taking an active interest in local affairs, he was an intelligent citizen, and was connected with the Presbyterian Church. From his boyhood to his death he was one of its active workers, and is remembered as a strong and manly character. His widow died in





1900, eighty-nine years of age. For over sixty years she was his constant companion, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a true Christian woman. They were the parents of seven children. (1) Mary, born in June, 1834, died unmarried in November, 1889. (2) George Russel, born in 1836, was educated in the Academy at Chestnut Level, in Lancaster county, married Jane P. Dickey, of Colerain township, in 1864, and now resides on his farm in Colerain township. (3) Howard F., born in 1839, went, in 1858, with his uncle, B. Frank Hastings, to California, where he married Miss Emma Cunningham; he now holds a position in the Government custom house at Los Angeles, Cal.; they have two sons, John R. and Howard F. (4) William S., born in February, 1841, married Miss Ella Harrar, of Christiana, and now resides at Atglen, Chester county, where he is engaged in the lumber and warehouse business; his son, John D., married Miss Helen Phillips, and resides at Atglen, where he is a partner with his father; they have one daughter, Roberta. (5) Margaret died in childhood. (6) Emma R., born in 1846, was educated in the local school and in the State Normal at Millersville; during the sickness of her father, as she was the only one left at home, she became manager of his extensive interests; and after his death she superintended the farm, while devoting herself to the care of her aged mother. Her management has been very successful. In 1898 she remodeled the large barn built by her father, and has made many other changes and improvements. (7) L. Rutter Hastings, born in 1849, married Miss Sarah A. Ewing, and they now reside on their farm in East Drumore township. They have six children: Rebecca L., the wife of Harry Hamill, of Chester county; Jessie I.; Louisa L.; Harry E.; Isabelle R.; and George R.

George, William and Howard Hastings are all members of the Masonic fraternity.

John Hastings was a Democrat, and was often a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He was a school director many years. All the family were identified with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a faithful and devoted member, as was his wife.

**GEORGE W. EABY.** One of the best-known figures in business, political and social circles in Lancaster, is George W. Eaby, who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, located at No. 51 East Grant street.

The ancestors of Mr. Eaby came to America from Switzerland, generations ago, and his grandfather, Jacob Eaby, was a well-known farmer in Leacock township, where he owned and farmed a very large tract of land, which, at his death was divided among his sons and daughters, forming a number of smaller farms. Daniel M. Eaby, the father of George W., owned and farmed a part of the original tract. Daniel M. married Miss Caroline Bair, a daughter of the late Joel Bair, a prosperous

farmer of Leacock, and by a singular coincidence, there were five sons and daughters in each of these families.

The union of Daniel M. Eaby and Caroline Bair, resulted in the birth of seven children: Joel S., who is in the real estate and insurance business, in Lancaster; Harry B., who is in the service of the Government, in Wooster, O.; Daniel E., a grocer of Lancaster; Jacob M., a merchant at Paradise, in this county; Mary, the wife of William Rice, of Wooster, O.; and George W., but one of the family having passed out of life.

George W. Eaby was born on the old homestead, in Leacock township, Feb. 5, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of the district and at the Millersville Normal School, leaving the latter institution when twenty to become a school teacher. For the following eight years he taught in the public schools, with the exception of nine months of service as a member of the 122nd Regiment, P. V. I., during the Civil war, when he took part with his regiment in all its battles and skirmishes, which included Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. Mr. Eaby also served with the "Emergency" men, when the Confederates invaded the State.

Soon after the close of the war, Mr. Eaby became clerk of the Lancaster county prison, serving two years, and then became a clerk in the Steinman hardware store, where he remained for four years. Later he engaged in the grocery business for a time, disposing of this to enter upon the duties of a position in the office of the clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Lancaster county, acting three years as deputy, under Dr. B. F. W. Urban, and three years as clerk in chief of the office, and the following three years as deputy under Capt. Abram Settle, who had been elected to the office at the expiration of Mr. Eaby's term. This completed nine years of service in one of the most important offices in the county, and his record was such, and his fidelity to the cause of the Republican party so well known and appreciated, that he was strongly urged by his friends for the office of alderman of the 2d ward, of Lancaster. In 1891, Mr. Eaby entered the real estate and insurance business and since that time has rendered signal service to the various companies he represents and has enjoyed a large patronage.

Mr. Eaby married Miss Rachel A. Reese, a daughter of the late James M. Reese, of Bethania, Salisbury township. Previous to marriage, Mrs. Eaby was a teacher and she and her husband possess what is unusual, in one family, namely, two permanent teachers' certificates. Mrs. Eaby, who was one of the brightest of Lancaster county's teachers, is descended from two very old families; her mother was a Bentley, and her grandfather was a Baker, and it was from the papers testifying to the fame of Aaron Baker, in the Revolutionary war, that Mrs. Eaby became a Daughter of the Revolution.



tion, in which exclusive and admirable society, she has taken an active interest. She is five generations removed from her Revolutionary ancestors.

From the union of George W. Eaby and his wife two children have been born: C. Reese Eaby, Esq., a prominent member of the Lancaster bar; and Flora, the wife of Harry Cessna, Esq., a member of the Bedford county bar, a son of the late Hon John Cessna, who was, for so many years, president of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Mr. Eaby is a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons, and is also fraternally connected with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Elks. The religious connection of the family is with Trinity Lutheran Church, where Mr. Eaby is recognized as in other relations, as an earnest, intelligent, generous and conscientious citizen.

**HENRY ALBERT SCHROYER**, the florist at No. 151 North Queen street, Lancaster, is a son of George W. Schroyer, the veteran florist, whose many hothouses are located on the Harrisburg turnpike.

George W. Schroyer was born in Lewisburg, Union Co., this State, Sept. 9, 1818, and is still seemingly as active, mentally and physically, as most men of fifty years. He came of a family long established in this country, being a descendant of one of three brothers of the name who came to America in 1670, and settled in Pennsylvania—one in Lancaster county, one in Berks county, and one in a western county. Conrad Schroyer, his grandfather, was born Dec. 10, 1761, in Lancaster county.

Col. Christian Schroyer, father of George W., was born Aug. 5, 1793, in Cornwall, Lancaster (now Lebanon) county, and died in 1855. He was a noted and popular hotel-keeper in his day, his hostelry being located near Lewisburg, on the road between that place and Northumberland. In those days of primitive traveling facilities there was a hotel in about every twenty-five miles, where the stages put up and accommodations were afforded the public, and no host was better known in that section than Col. Schroyer. He gained his title by service in the militia, having been colonel of the 8th Regiment. Under Jackson's administration he was appointed postmaster at Chillisquaque. In addition to carrying on his hotel business he engaged in general farming. He first married Susan Spangler, by whom he had eight children, Elizabeth, Anna, Rachel, Sarah, Susan, William, George W., and one that died in infancy. The mother of these died in 1835, and the Colonel subsequently married a Mrs. Myer. Two children were born to that union, Michael and Lewis. William, Michael and Lewis served in the Civil war.

George W. Schroyer was given his primary training in the "corner" district school near his early home, when a little older attended an evening writing school, and rounded out his somewhat limited

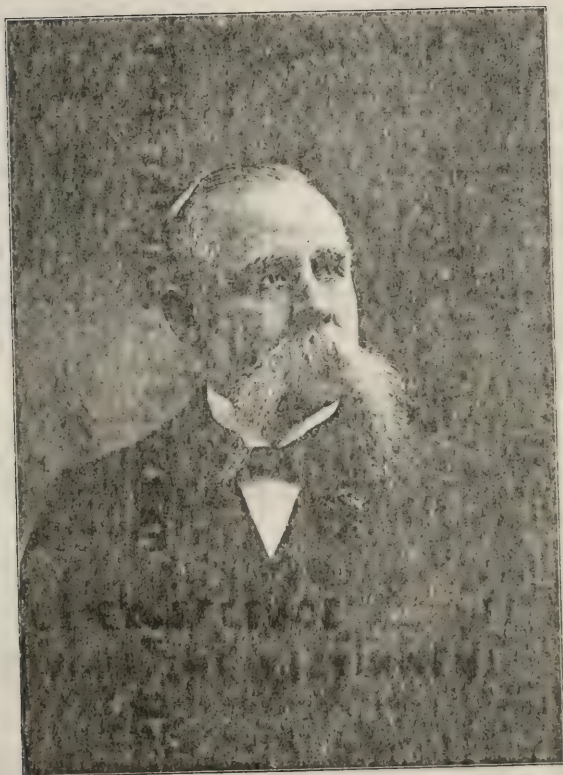
literary training with a short term at a grammar school. At the age of eighteen he left home, walking to Harrisburg, where he obtained a position which presented an opportunity for him to learn the printer's trade, in the office of a paper called *The Keystone*. He continued there until he had risen to the dignity of foreman. Mr. Schroyer was married, in 1845, to Anna E., daughter of J. B. Thompson, of Harrisburg, and in the fall of that year he bought the *Columbia Spy*, in Columbia, Lancaster county, which he sold, however, in about two years, returning to Harrisburg. There he remained until 1854, in which year he took charge of the *Inland Daily*, at Lancaster. In 1856 he took charge of the composing room of the *Daily Express*, a position he held until 1893, in which year his failing health drove him out of the printing business into the open air. He bought the place he now occupies that year, from Dr. H. E. Mullenberg, and there he still lives, much beloved and respected by all who know him. Mr. Schroyer has not only the honor of having conducted the first daily paper of Lancaster, in 1854, but he is also the pioneer florist of that place. His home place consists of seven acres, one and a half acres under glass. He commenced with vegetables and small fruits, but soon changed to his present line. In politics Mr. Schroyer was originally a Democrat (like his father), supporting that party until 1856, when, as he says, "all good Democrats turned Republicans." He and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church.

Henry Albert Schroyer was born in Harrisburg Jan. 29, 1850, and spent his boyhood days in Lancaster, where, after attending St. James' Parish school, he became a student in the high school. At the age of seventeen years he began his work as a florist with his father, and in 1888 opened a store on North Queen street, a few doors from his present location. When a year had elapsed he moved into his present quarters, where his business has steadily grown, and he now enjoys one of the most flattering patronages in the city.

Henry A. Schroyer inherits his grandfather's interest in politics and is a staunch Republican. In 1878 he was elected to the common council from the Ninth ward, which was strongly Democratic, by a majority of three votes, a narrow margin, but enough. For the Young Republican Club he served as chief marshal in every campaign from the organization of that body to 1900, when he declined farther work in that line. He has twice been a delegate to the Republican State Convention. Since 1888 he has been a member of the board of school directors, and was re-elected for another term of three years in February, 1900. In November, 1900, he was elected treasurer of the Lancaster city school board, and was honored with re-election in 1901 and 1902. For eight years out of the nine in which he was a member of the committee on night schools, he served as its chairman. His work on this committee did much to make these night schools efficient







*H. A. Schryer*



and useful. His best achievement in school work was the building of the splendid eight-room structure on North Mary street and Harrisburg avenue, a result which required many years to effect; it is pronounced one of the finest eight-room school buildings in the State.

Mr. Schroyer is a member and past grand of Herschel Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Elks in Lancaster, the Hamilton Club, the Young Republicans, and the Lancaster Maennerchor; and is also very active in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the thirty-second degree, holding membership in Lambertson Lodge, No. 479, of which he was elected worshipful master for the year 1903; Chapter No. 43; Goodwin Council; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, Harrisburg, of which he is a past officer; Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree, Harrisburg; Rose Croix Chapter, eighteenth degree; and Harrisburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. In fraternity work, as in politics, he is earnest and enthusiastic, anything he undertakes being done with all his heart and soul.

Henry Albert Schroyer was married, Oct. 27, 1875, to Miss Anna V., a daughter of the late Samuel M. Myers, well known in planing-mill interests in Chambersburg. Both are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which they take a deep and substantial interest.

**SAMUEL AMMON** (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Salisbury township. He was born Oct. 6, 1818, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, and his death took place at Gap, Pa., Oct. 23, 1901. His parents were Henry and Mary (Signer) Ammon.

Henry Ammon, the father of Samuel, was a farmer in Lancaster county all his life. He died in 1836, at the age of forty-five years, his widow surviving until 1860, dying at the age of sixty-two. They were buried at Morgantown and Pequea, respectively. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this union were: Samuel; John, deceased, who married Maria Speece; Sarah, who died young; Mary, deceased wife of David Ranck; William and Henry, twins, the former a retired farmer in Chester county, the latter operating a bakery in Gap and married to Jane Patten, born in Salisbury township, Sept. 19, 1835; George and Davis, twins, the former of whom is a carpenter in Salisbury township and the latter died young.

On March 31, 1875, Samuel Ammon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Arnold, born in East Earl township, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Reel) Arnold, the former of whom was a blacksmith in East Earl township. He died in 1844, his widow surviving until 1877, when she died at the age of seventy-four years; both parents of Mrs. Ammon were buried in Cedar Grove Church cemetery, in East Earl township. The children born to

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were: Sarah, the widow of George Ranck, of East Earl township; Isaac, of East Earl township; Mary, also of East Earl; Gabriel, who died young; and Elizabeth, who is the widow of Samuel Ammon.

For many years Mr. Ammon was employed by the great Pennsylvania Railroad as one of its contractors. He then resided in Lancaster, but in 1877 removed to Gap and for ten years operated the "Gap Hotel," which during his administration was one of the most comfortable hosteleries in the place. In politics he was a staunch Republican. In his liberal way he contributed to the support of both Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, being a man of moral life, although not connected by membership with either religious body. Mrs. Ammon approved of his methods and is valued in both churches also. She is a very highly esteemed lady in this community and has a wide circle of warm friends.

**J. COMLY MAULE** (deceased) was born in Chester county, Pa., but spent his active life in Cole-rain township, Lancaster county. He was the third son in a family of seven children born to Ebenezer and Sarah (Lee) Maule, four of whom are now living in Chester county; Nathan, near Lenover; Benjamin, near Doe Run; and Ebenezer and Abigail, who are on the old homestead. Mary J., who married E. Phips, is now deceased; Zillah died in young womanhood.

J. Comly Maule was reared in Chester county, where he attended the district school and boarding school for boys. In December, 1857, he was married to Miss S. Emma Clark, a daughter of George and Anna (Taylor) Clark. Mr. Clark lived for a number of years on his farm in Doe Run, Chester county, and then moved into Westchester, where he lived retired until his death in 1860. His first wife died a few years after their marriage, while Mrs. Maule was still a child, leaving one son and one daughter. The son, William, went to Denver, Colo., when a young man, and won for himself a good standing in the business circles of that city, where he died in 1900, leaving a widow and two children, Howard Taylor and Myrtle, both of Denver. George Clark married for his second wife, Hannah Bailey, who bore him two children: Edward, who is in Leadville, Colo.; and Mary, who married William Glenn, of Chester county, and is now dead. Mrs. Maule was born in September, 1835, at the old Clark homestead in Chester county, and received her education in the Kennett Square schools.

Throughout his active life, Mr. Maule was engaged in farming, dairying and stock-raising. After marriage, he and his wife settled near Avondale, Chester county, where he was engaged in farming for four years. For two years they lived in Little Britain, and then in 1864 he bought the property where his family are now living. He added to it some very substantial improvements, and it was at the time of his death one of the most desirable





places in that region. The Society of Friends found a warm place in his heart, as it was his ancestral faith, and he rigidly adhered to its teachings in all his associations with the world, taking always a deep interest in the advancement of the community in general and those of his own faith in particular. For many years his pacific principles and sense of justice made him an arbitrator for the combative in his neighborhood.

To Mr. Maule and his wife were born the following children: (1) George C., born in 1858, was reared at the home, and educated in the Union Academy, of Lancaster county. He married Clara Brinton, and resides on a farm in Chester county, where he is known as a prosperous and successful farmer. They have four children, Willard Norman, Mary Anna, Walter W. and Charles E. (2) Anna H., born in 1859, married Allison Baker, of Smyrna, where Mr. Baker is engaged in farming. Mrs. Baker was a student in the State Normal at Millersville. (3) Walter born in 1861, married Miss Lizzie R. Lamborn, of Lancaster county, and for some years was engaged in the milling business at Puseyville. Later in life, he purchased a mill in Colerain township, which he carried on until his death in 1892, leaving a widow and no family. (4) Emma Z., born in Lancaster county, in 1864 (the first three members of this family having been born in Chester county) married John Chamberlain. They reside near the Chester county line. (5) Charles E., born in 1866, married Miss Hannah Jackson, of Christiana, and has his home in Sadsbury township, where they have four children, James W., Comly, William L. and Alice. (6) Norman Comly, born in 1873, was educated at Octoraro Academy and in the Westchester State Normal. Since the death of his father, he has taken the management of his mother's affairs upon himself and stands very high in the estimation of the people of the neighborhood. (7) William M., born in 1876, was a student at the Westchester Normal where he prepared for college, and then entered Swarthmore College. The following year he took a special course in biology in the Pennsylvania University. He is a graduate of Cornell University class of 1902, and has made a reputation for himself as a scholar and a thinker wherever he has attended, being at the front in all the branches at the college. After graduating from Cornell he was appointed by the U. S. Government to study the forests of the North West, and later was appointed Forestry Inspector of the Philippine Islands, a position which he is eminently fitted to fill.

Mr. Maule for a long time was closely identified with the Republican party, but in his later life was a strong Prohibitionist. For many years he held the position of school director.

Mrs. Maule and her family belong to the Society of Friends. Her children are a source of comfort to her, as they were to her departed husband in his declining years. He passed away May 28, 1901, at the age of almost seventy years.

ADAM REESE STAMY, principal of the Lemon street school, Lancaster, is related to two of Pennsylvania's oldest and best known families, both remarkable for their longevity.

Henry Stamy, grandfather of Adam R., was a farmer in Franklin county, Pa., and having removed to Leesburg, Cumberland county, died there at the age of eighty-six years. His son, John F., in early life was a teacher in Franklin county, but moving to Cumberland county, Pa., he became a minister in the Baptist Church, and is now elder of that district. He married Emily Reese, daughter of Adam Reese, one of the early farmer settlers of Cumberland county, and who passed from earth at the patriarchal age of ninety-four years. To Rev. John F. and Emily (Reese) Stamy were born eight children, of whom we have record of seven: Catherine, at one time a teacher, now wife of Frank McCleery, a farmer of Altenwald, Franklin county; Adam R., of whom full mention will be made farther on; Harry C., a farmer near Chambersburg, Franklin county; Miss Alice C., living at the old Grandfather Reese home at Leesburg, Cumberland county; John F., Jr., who died March 5, 1900; D. K., principal of a public school in New York City; and Emma, a teacher at Ridley Park, Delaware Co., Pa. Of these, D. K., after graduating in the scientific course at the State Normal School at Millersville, and from Nelf's School of Oratory, Philadelphia, became a lecturer at teachers' institutes, lecturing before he was twenty-two years old; he is now only thirty-three. Emily (Reese) Stamy, mother of the above named children, died May 5, 1901.

Adam Reese Stamy was born Aug. 24, 1856, at Leesburg, Cumberland county, and after receiving a partial education in the public schools of his district attended the State Normal School at Millersville for a time, and then took a course at the Cumberland Valley State Normal, finishing his course in the graduating class of 1874, although leaving the institute before graduation to accept a very desirable position in the Mt. Holly Spring schools. There he remained until 1878, coming thence to Lancaster, and after teaching the Rohrerstown graded school for three years he was elected principal of the Lemon street school, a position he has ever since held with honor to himself and profit to his pupils. Hundreds of boys have been prepared by him for the high school of Lancaster, and the building, which was originally two-storied, with eight rooms, when he took charge of it, has now three stories, with twelve rooms.

In 1878 Mr. Stamy was married to Miss Florence C. Munson, daughter of Ralph Munson, a farmer of Litchfield county, Conn., and granddaughter of Capt. Norman Munson, whose ancestors came over in the "Mayflower." To this union were born children as follows: Maude M., a graduate of the Girls' High School, Lancaster, now Mrs. Walter Edward Fraim; J. Ralph, a graduate of the Boys' High School, Lancaster, also of the Pennsylv-



vania Business College, and now occupying a position in the Lancaster County National Bank; and Mary, attending school.

In religious faith Mr. Stamy is a Moravian, for three years serving as trustee of the Moravian Church at Lancaster, and as superintendent of the Sunday school four years. For fourteen years he was secretary of the Lancaster County Teachers' Institute, and when the City Teachers' Institute was organized, several years ago, he was elected secretary of that body, a position he yet holds. As a member of the County Institute he served on the committee on Permanent Certificates. In addition to his principalship of the Lemon street school he has been a teacher in the Boys' Chestnut Street Night school for sixteen years, during some twelve years of which he was principal. He was one of the organizers of the now famous Pennsylvania Chautauqua, and was a member of its board of managers, and for three years was statistical secretary of same. In politics Mr. Stamy is an ardent Republican, and while teaching in Rohrerstown was president of the Republican Club there, which same club took an active part in the Garfield campaign.

ELIAS BEAR, who is now living retired, is one of the leading citizens of Manheim township, and his pleasant and hospitable home at Oregon is one of the most inviting and hospitable residences in that country of open doors and generous welcome.

Mr. Bear was born in Warwick township, Jan. 3, 1839, a son of Samuel and Fredricka (Sheidley) Bear, and a grandson of Samuel Bear, who was born in England, Feb. 5, 1762, and died Oct. 23, 1823. The grandfather located at what is now Oregon, and became one of the leading citizens of that part of the county. The village of Oregon was founded by him, where he erected the hotel which later passed into the management of his son, John. The original Samuel Bear was three times married, and by his first wife he had one son, Jacob, who became a gun smith. By his second marriage he was the father of three children: Peter, a gunsmith; John a hotel keeper at Oregon; Elizabeth, who never married, and who lived at Frederick City, Md. By his third marriage he became the father of five children: Samuel, the father of Elias Bear; Isaac, a gunsmith, who died at Reading, Pa.; Anthony, a shoe maker, who spent his later years in Maryland and in Virginia, where he died; Rial, who married Samuel Buchen, of West Earl township; Barbara, wife of William Kahr.

Samuel Bear, the father of Elias, was born Jan. 15, 1804, at Oregon, and died April 4, 1875. When young he learned the trade of a gunsmith, at which he worked until he was some fifty years of age, when he turned to farming, and passed his last years in Manheim and Warwick. His religious associations were with the Lutheran Church. His wife was born in Germany, Jan. 19, 1810, and came to this country when a child. Her death occurred Jan. 1, 1885. To

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bear came Adam, born Nov. 17, 1828, deceased; Sarah, born Sept. 1, 1832, the wife of John Grube, of Bloomfield, Pa.; Frank, who lives at Canal Fulton, Ohio, a carpenter by trade; Frederick, born Oct. 22, 1835, a carpenter in Oregon; Samuel, born Oct. 19, 1837, living in Stark county, Ohio; Elias, born Jan. 3, 1839; Salinda, born in 1841, the widow of Martin Kellingberger, and living at the corner of James and Lewis streets, Lancaster; Henrietta, born Dec. 10, 1844, late wife of Edward Cannon, of Canal Fulton, Ohio; Eliza, born Oct. 7, 1846, who died in childhood; Fannie, born Feb. 11, 1848, unmarried and living in Manheim township; Isaac, born Aug. 9, 1850, residing in Lancaster, where he is a carpenter; Catherine Amelia, born Jan. 7, 1852, the widow of Jeremiah S. Reed, who makes her home with her brother, Elias. Mr. Reed died June 16, 1890, in the fortieth year of his age; he was a carpenter by trade, but in his later years was a bridge inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mrs. Reed has the following children: Phoebe Ann, of Lancaster; Samuel N., a cigar maker in Oregon, who married Miss Bertha Buchen, and is the father of one child, Olive; Oliver, who resides in Lancaster City; Clayton, a farmer in Manheim township; Amelia, of Lancaster.

Elias Bear was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. When a lad fifteen years of age, he began caring for himself, working on a farm for wages. When the Civil war broke out, he was twenty-one, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. C, 122d P. V. I., being mustered out in 1863, after the expiration of his term of nine months' enlistment; he was at the front all the time, participating in the battles of Fairfax Court House, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, escaping without a scratch, though he was a gallant fighter and never shunned danger. After his return from the war, he rented a farm of seventy acres in Manheim township. For twenty-three years he rented this place of one man, Mr. Rudy, and when that gentleman died, he purchased it. Until 1897 he was continuously engaged in its cultivation. That year he retired to Oregon to a pleasant home he had already bought, and where he is now taking a well earned rest.

Mr. Bear was married Dec. 26, 1869, to Lucy, a daughter of Isaac Sowers, born in West Earl township, at Groffdale, June 28, 1842, and died Dec. 9, 1899. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, as is also her husband.

Mr. Bear has taken his place among the leading men of the township, and his long and useful life shows the quality of genuine manhood.

CHRISTIAN H. KAUFFMAN (deceased) was born Aug. 26, 1839, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Kauffman, of West Hempfield township, where he was reared and educated in the common schools. When he was twenty-seven he began operations for himself, locating about a mile east of Landisville, on the farm where his life was





spent, and where his widow still lives. This at first was a farm of 104 acres; it now contains only eighty acres, but is regarded as one of the pleasantest places in that part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman made many valuable improvements on this farm, putting up a fine residence and other farm buildings, and the farm received the close attention of Mr. Kauffman. He was a man who was very domestic in his habits, and preferred the comforts of home to all the pleasures of the outside world. In his religious associations he was a member of the River Brethren in Christ.

Mr. Kauffman was married Oct. 23, 1866, to Barbara, a daughter of John and Maria (Kauffman) Kendig, who was born in East Hempfield township, near the "Black Horse Hotel," July 20, 1846. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1893, and during the period of their married life they were more than usually faithful and devoted to each other. To this union came the following children: Morris, now living on the homestead, married to Miss Emma Baker, and the father of the following, D. Baker, May B., C. Raymond and J. Harold; Mary K., the wife of Amos H. Herr, of Neffsville, and the mother of C. Kauffman, Paul and Grace; Lizzie, the wife of Enos Heissey, making their home with Mrs. Kauffman; Emma, who died at the age of eight years.

Mrs. Kauffman and her daughters are members of the River Brethren in Christ, and are very highly esteemed in the community in which they live.

JOHN ABRAHAM SPRENGER, one of the prominent retired citizens of Lancaster, was born Jan. 26, 1829, in an old log cabin which still stands, on Fourth street, near Penn street, in Reading, Pa.

John A. Sprenger, his father, was born in the Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, July 5, 1770, and emigrated to America in May, 1821, locating in Reading, Pa., where he carried on a butchering business until March, 1829, when he embarked in the brewing business, in Maytown, this county. Two years later he removed to Elizabethtown, where he remained until 1836, going then to Lancaster, in which city he rented a brewery from his brother-in-law, John Borell, and continued in the brewing business until obliged by the infirmities of old age to cease work. His very capable wife managed the business from 1843 to 1867. Mr. Sprenger died Aug. 28, 1854. He married Elizabeth Lauer, who was born in Gleisweiler, Rheinpfalz, March 22, 1800, and died in Oct. 1875. Both were buried in the Lancaster cemetery, and both were members of the Reformed Church. The children born to them were as follows: Susan (deceased) married Henry Weber; Elizabeth married Jacob Yeisley, of Baltimore; Jacob, who resided in Atlanta, Ga., was born in Reading in 1825, and died Dec. 2, 1902; Christiana married Edward Wiley, of Lancaster; John A. is mentioned below; Catherine married (first) Charles Whidmayer, and is now the widow of Lawrence Knapp; Barbara married Ernst Krause, a retired brewer of Car-

lisle; Martha is the widow of Charles Connell, of Philadelphia; Anna married F. R. Dieffenderfer, of Lancaster; Louise died unmarried, at the age of sixty-two years; George F. Sprenger, born Jan. 6, 1842, died April 17, 1888 (he married Emma Ziglor, of Carlisle); Amelia married William Roehm, of Lancaster.

From the age of ten years until his retirement John Abraham Sprenger was associated with the brewing business. Fifty consecutive years is a long period to devote to one business, but for a half century Mr. Sprenger gave his time, attention and energy to his large brewing interests. To improve the quality of his products, to decrease the cost of their production, to extend the territory of their distribution, required a man of great physical strength and mental activity.

Although he assisted his father in the business in his youth, it was in 1852 that he entered upon the business with his brother, Hon. Jacob J. Sprenger, this partnership lasting for eighteen months. John A. then started out on his individual career. He began by leasing a brewery, and two and one-half years later built a similar establishment for himself, on East King street (on the site of the present Excelsior Hall building), which he carried on from 1857 to 1873. Then he leased a brewery from Philip Frank, of Mt. Joy, making an agreement to purchase the same if desirable. This he did in 1883, and expended in refitting and building the sum of \$100,000. This brewery plant was operated by Mr. Sprenger with increasing prosperity until November, 1896, when he retired from active work, selling out to a stock company, which now carries on the business under the name of the Sprenger Brewing Company.

Although Mr. Sprenger was immersed in the cares of private business, when the call of his country for defenders was heard, in April, 1861, he was one of the first to volunteer in the Lancaster Fencibles, the first regiment of State defenders, mustered in at Camp Curtin. Although he entered the service as a private, he was commissioned sergeant on the field, and served as such in Company F, under Capt. Enlin Franklin, until he was discharged at Harrisburg. He was with the regiment at Winchester, Va. While Mr. Sprenger was away from home the business was carried on by Tobias Miller. At the age of fifty-two Mr. Sprenger found himself, through endeavoring to assist a friend, \$17,000 worse off than nothing, but instead of sitting down to bemoan his loss he put his shoulder to the wheel, and now has a comfortable competence for his old age. In 1867, with his wife and mother, he visited the family home in the old country, and also made a tour through France and Switzerland, in all spending three months abroad.

On Oct. 28, 1852, Mr. Sprenger was married (first) to Miss Adeline Erisman, born in Lancaster county, daughter of John and Maria Erisman, of Lancaster, where the former was a carpenter. She





John A. Sprenger





died without children, June 5, 1892, and was interred in the cemetery at Lancaster. Mr. Sprenger was married (second), Feb. 12, 1896, to Mrs. Catharine (Ritner) Lamborn (widow of Israel Lamborn, of Chester county), who was born in Cumberland county, a grandniece of ex-Governor Ritner, of Pennsylvania, who is remembered as the introducer of the free-school system in the State. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprenger. They occupy one of the handsomest and best equipped residences in the city.

In political sentiment Mr. Sprenger is a staunch Republican. Since 1843 he has been a member of the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with a number of organizations, notably the Masonic, in which he is a Knight Templar; the Order of Red Men; the G. A. R.; and the I. O. O. F. His business interests in this part of the State have been very important, and as an honorable and upright man he won the approval and confidence of the public in commercial operations, while in private life he holds the esteem of a large circle of warm friends.

HIRAM L. ERB (deceased), for many years a leading merchant of Clay township, Lancaster county, and one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of the town, was a member of a family long prominent in the annals of Lancaster county.

Jacob Erb, the great-great-grandfather of Hiram L., was brought from Switzerland to America by his parents in 1728. He was but four years of age at that time, so that practically his entire life was passed in the New World. They located near Hammer Creek, in Warwick township. About 1782 Jacob removed to Clay township, where he purchased several hundred acres of land, with mill privileges, and he made his home there for the remainder of his life. Besides a mill at Clay village, he operated another farther up Middle Creek, and he also cleared and improved large portions of his extensive estate. Until the outbreak of the war of the Revolution he was a believer in the Mennonite faith, but the principle of non-resistance taught by that society was in too great opposition to his patriotic spirit, and he withdrew his membership to support the provisional government. He became a man of prominence in public affairs, and represented his district in the State Legislature. He died in 1810, when he was past eighty years of age. His wife was a Miss Johns, and their family consisted of two sons and several daughters. Of the sons, John is mentioned below; and Christian lived on the old homestead in Warwick, where some of his descendants are still to be found.

John Erb, son of Jacob, was for three years in the service of his country during the Revolution, acting as teamster. He was but sixteen at the time he entered the service, and after the close of the war he resided at Clay, where he operated both the mills belonging to his father, and also looked after the

cultivation of the home farm. He was prominent in all public affairs, was the founder of the school at Clay, and took an active interest in religious affairs. John Erb married Judith Hull, and their children were: Jacob; John; David; Isaac; Samuel; Joseph; Molly, who married Abraham Erb and moved to Canada; Elizabeth, who married Michael Shepler; Nancy, who married Abraham Bear; and Catharine, who married Joseph Weidman.

John Erb, son of John, was born Nov. 3, 1786, and passed his life in Clay, engaged in farming and milling, and in keeping a public house. He belonged to the Old Line Whig party, and at one time served as county commissioner. He married Barbara Bergelbach, and his children were: Hiram; John B.; Henry B.; and Priscilla Cecilia, who married George W. Steinmetz. John Erb died in 1862, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Hiram Erb, son of John and father of Hiram L., was born at the upper mill in Clay township April 11, 1810. The common schools afforded him his educational advantages, and at the age of nineteen he succeeded to the milling business established by his great-grandfather, for forty years successfully following that line. Some 150 acres of the old home tract belonged to him, and he met with abundant success in farming it. In 1869, in partnership with his son, Hiram L., he established a general store at Richland, Lebanon county, but in 1875 the business was removed to Clay, where prosperity awaited the enterprising proprietors. President Taylor appointed Mr. Erb postmaster, and he efficiently discharged the duties of that office for four years. He was originally a Republican, and an intimate acquaintance of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, one of the party's founders, but in 1872 his admiration for Horace Greeley carried him into the Democratic ranks, after which he voted independent of party affiliations. Mr. Erb served as school director for three years, and always supported educational and religious movements. On May 16, 1839, he married Catharine Lane, widow of John S. Bear. One child, Hiram L., blessed this union. Catharine Lane Erb died in 1886, at the age of seventy-six years. Hiram Erb died in 1892, aged eighty-two years.

Hiram L. Erb was born Nov. 24, 1840, and he entered into rest Jan. 27, 1900. Like his father before him, he was trained to farming and milling, but on account of ill health entered the mercantile world, in partnership with his father, in 1869, under the firm name of Hiram Erb & Son. His political faith was like that of his father, and he served the Democratic party as a member of the county committee. He also served on the school board. In his religious connection he was a member of the United Brethren Church. Kind hearted and liberal, his charity was often the means of helping a weary fellow traveler to rest and comfort. He was a man of many friends, and his genial social nature made his home a favorite meeting place.

On Nov. 24, 1863, Hiram L. Erb was married to



Celinda Becker, a daughter of William and Lucy (Spayd) Becker, of Mill Creek township. Three children blessed this union, two of whom reached maturity: Laura, widow of Rev. C. J. F. Miller, a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1860, and who died Nov. 7, 1899, leaving eight children, Edgar L., Clio D., Lois E., Victor H., Earl Raymond, Guy Ralph, Erickson Colon and Vivian E.; Linnie, widow of Rev. A. L. Shannon, a well known minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1864, died Dec. 13, 1900, leaving six children, Helen E., Florence L., Carl E., Paul E., Mary A. and Minerva E.

The Becker and Spayd families, from which Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is descended, were among the early settlers of Lebanon county. John Becker came from Germany to Lebanon county, Pa., about 1735 or 1740, and his son, George, was one of the pioneers of Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon county. William Becker, son of George and father of Mrs. Hiram L. Erb, was born in 1816, became one of the leading farmers of his township and died Oct. 29, 1879. William Becker married Lucy Spayd, and of the three children born of their union Mrs. Erb alone lived to mature years.

Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is now making her home in Richland, Lebanon county. She is a kind and Christian woman, whose gentle spirit has endeared her to all who come within the circle of her acquaintance.

JOHN H. KAYLOR, a retired farmer, and an old and much respected resident of Mt. Joy township, was born in West Donegal township Jan. 19, 1836, a son of Joseph and Mary Annie (Hoffer) Kaylor, both native to Lancaster county.

The father was a carpenter, and in his later days a farmer, though he lived retired for some years. He was born April 9, 1803, and died in 1878. The mother, who was born March 10, 1807, died in 1863. They were married in 1823, and were devoted members of the Lutheran Church. The following children were born to them: Tobias, born in East Donegal township March 28, 1826, a retired farmer in Elizabethtown; Jacob, born Nov. 6, 1827, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Henry B., born Feb. 26, 1829, deceased; Mary Ann, born Sept. 4, 1830, the widow of George Hess, and living in Illinois; Isaac, born Feb. 11, 1832, a farmer in Dauphin county; Joseph, born Sept. 21, 1833, a retired farmer in Illinois; John H., born Jan. 19, 1836; Elizabeth, born Feb. 26, 1839, wife of Samuel Caley, now a retired soldier in Dauphin county; Benjamin, born Jan. 10, 1838, a carpenter in West Donegal township; Anna, born Nov. 2, 1840, married to Isaac Winters, a farmer in Dauphin county; Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1842, the wife of Aaron Manning, and living in Illinois; Samuel, born April 3, 1843, who died young; Magdalena, born June 25, 1845, deceased; Catherine, born Sept. 1, 1846, married to George Rutherford, the proprietor of a bakery in Bainbridge; Lovina, born July 5, 1848, wife of Simon Steffy, of

East Donegal township; Abraham, born Oct. 18, 1850, a farmer of Dauphin county. The paternal grandfather Kaylor kept a tavern in West Donegal township; Joseph Hoffer, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Kaylor, was a farmer in Dauphin county, where he died.

John H. Kaylor and Mary Wolgemuth were married in Mt. Joy township Sept. 12, 1861, and their first four children died young. Their names were Anna, Lizzie, Christian and Amanda. The next child, Katie, married Martin Heistand, an engineer at Mt. Joy. John and Mamie are unmarried and at home.

Mrs. Mary Kaylor was born in Mt. Joy township Oct. 6, 1843, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Metzler) Wolgemuth, of Lancaster county, both of whom died in Mt. Joy township; he in 1888, at the age of eighty-nine years, lacking one day, and she in November, 1896, at the age of ninety years. Their remains were laid to rest in what is known as the Cross Roads cemetery, in East Donegal township. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, the widow of John Hoffman, of Elizabethtown; Jane, the widow of Henry Nissley, of Rapho township; John, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; David, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Christian, who is dead; Anna, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Mary. Christian Wolgemuth, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kaylor, was a farmer in Lancaster county.

John H. Kaylor spent the first twenty-one years of his life at home with his parents, and then carried on a farm on shares in Mt. Joy township, an arrangement which continued until the spring of 1899. That spring he removed to his present comfortable and attractive home, about a hundred yards from the borough line of Elizabethtown. He has done well in life, and his present comfortable circumstances are entirely the result of his economy, careful management and unwearied industry. Mr. Kaylor and his wife are members of the River Brethren Church, while his good standing in his neighbors' opinions is attested by his election three times as school director. Mr. Kaylor has made a small fortune off a rented farm, and well deserves a prominent place among the leading men of Lancaster county.

REV. CHARLES NAGEL is pastor of the Moravian Church in Lancaster, Pa. He was born in Cannstadt, Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 28, 1844, and was but a year old when his father, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, entered into rest. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native land, and in his ninth year the widowed mother brought him and his sister to the New World. They located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where they continued to reside for some time. When young Charles was fifteen years old he went to Bethlehem, Pa., and there entered the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, having determined upon the ministry as





his life work. His devotion to his work, his careful study and his consistent practice of the principles he professed won for him the high esteem of his instructors, and when he was graduated, in his twentieth year, he was called upon to fill the position of teacher in the Moravian Boarding School for Boys at Nazareth, Pa., which position he held for three years. In pursuance of the next call, this time into the ministry of the congregation at Newfoundland, Wayne Co., Pa., he was, in 1868, ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church by the Right Rev. John C. Jacobson. His labors in the Newfoundland field were crowned with success, and he continued in charge there until January, 1874. In 1870, at York, Pa., he had been ordained a presbyter by the Rt. Rev. Henry Shultz. When he resigned his pastorate at Newfoundland it was to accept a call to the Church at Elizabeth, N. J., where he continued until 1876, when he returned to Pennsylvania, and took charge of the parish at Lititz, Lancaster county, where he remained until 1885. During all these years he had not confined his attention to the duties of his own charge, but had taken a keen intelligent interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the church. By close study and a wide contemplation of the problems that confront the clergy of whatever denomination, he became keenly alive to the needs and the dangers assailing the higher morality of the people. In 1876 he was delegated, with others, to represent the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America at the General Synod, which convened in Hornhut, Saxony, from May to July, of that year. From 1885 to 1901 Rev. Nagel was the incumbent of the First Moravian Church in Philadelphia, and on Sept. 19, 1901, he entered the Gospel ministry of the Moravian Church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In 1868 Rev. Nagel was united in marriage with Miss Ellen M. Luchenbach, daughter of William Luchenbach, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH S. RISSEK, one of the old and successful farmers of Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, was born in Londonderry, Lebanon Co., Pa., Dec. 28, 1836, a son of John and Mary (Shenk) Risser, both natives of Lebanon county, where they died full of years and honor. The father, a farmer, who died in 1869, at the age of sixty years, ten months and twelve days, had lived retired many years. His widow passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, seven months and twenty-eight days. They were interred in the Risser Church burying ground in Lancaster county. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following family: Fannie, born Aug. 5, 1835, now an invalid and the widow of John H. Risser, of Mt. Joy township, who was born Feb. 21, 1834, and died Nov. 5, 1901; Joseph S.; Abraham, who died aged thirty-eight years; John, a prominent man in Lebanon county, and a director of a National bank in Elizabethtown; Samuel, a farmer in Lebanon county.

Several of the Risser family came to America

during the eighteenth century. Ulrich and Jacob Risser came from Rotterdam in the ship "Adventurer," John Davis, master, qualified Oct. 2, 1727. John Risser came at the age of twenty-three, in the ship "Queen Elizabeth," Alexander Hope, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 16, 1738. Philip Risser came in the "Loyal Judith," Edward Painter, commander, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 3, 1739. Peter Risser and his wife, Anna Snyder, sailed from Rotterdam in the "Robert and Alice," Walter Goodman, commander, qualified Sept. 3, 1739. The last couple were the great-grandparents of Joseph S. Risser.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph S. Risser were Peter and Fanny (Witmer) Risser, farming people of Lebanon county, where their lives were spent. The grandfather died in 1856, at the age of seventy-six. The Risseres are of Swiss descent, and have always been sturdy and industrious people of good character and fine standing. The same thing may justly be said of Mr. Risser's maternal grandparents, Joseph and Fanny (Ober) Shenk, of Lebanon county, where their peaceful and upright lives were passed. The Shenks also came originally from Switzerland.

Joseph S. Risser was married Nov. 8, 1864, in Lancaster county, to Miss Annie L. Gerber, who was born in Rapho township and died Sept. 24, 1888, at the age of forty-two years. Her remains were laid to rest in the Kraybill cemetery. She was a sister of David L. Gerber, of East Donegal township.

Mr. Risser remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he rented a farm in East Donegal township. There he remained until 1873, when he came to the farm on which he is found to-day, and where he has made a signal success in its cultivation. In his religion he has united himself with the Mennonite Church, and his clean and wholesome life has cast no discredit upon his profession of faith. In politics he is a Republican, and is known as an upright and conscientious citizen. He has worked hard, been prudent and careful, and has amassed a very comfortable competence.

EMANUEL NEFF. Among the old and respected citizens of Strasburg township is Emanuel Neff, who conducts a mill and operates a farm two miles west of the borough of Strasburg, in Lancaster county, and well represents the two prominent families from which he came.

Emanuel Neff was born in Lancaster county Oct. 25, 1840, a son of Henry and Anna (Groff) Neff, both of whom have passed away. Henry Neff was a native of East Lampeter township, a son of Christian and Annie Neff, and was born March 19, 1819, dying Feb. 16, 1881. His first marriage was to Anna Groff, who died in 1851, leaving three children: Emanuel; Amos, a farmer of Cass county, Mo.; and Susan, deceased, who married Amos Hershey, of Gordonville. The second marriage of



Henry Neff was to Elizabeth Groff, and his third to Barbara Wade, both of whom died without issue.

Henry Neff was a farmer and also a miller, spending his whole life in East Lampeter and Strasburg townships, owning at one time two fine farms in Strasburg township, selling one prior to the purchase of the mill property now owned and operated by his son, Emanuel. In connection with the mill, he purchased forty-three acres of land, and there passed his last years, spending a useful, busy life, and dying as he lived, a conscientious and worthy member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Emanuel Neff was reared on the farm and early learned habits of thrift and economy which have assisted him in becoming the substantial member of the community he now is. His education was gained in the public schools and when he had reached the age of twenty-one he began farming operations for himself, locating on a farm of ninety-five acres, in East Strasburg township, where he remained twenty years. In March, 1882, he succeeded to his present property, and since that time he has carried on the mill and farmed the estate surrounding it. Emanuel Neff is well and favorably known through the locality and is ever interested in all improvements that promise good to the community, in the way of temperance, religion or education.

Emanuel Neff was married in 1861 to Catherine Eby, a daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Warner) Eby, who was born in this county, near Gap, Oct. 3, 1841, and seven children have been born of this union: Rebecca, who married John B. Lefever, of East Lampeter township; Enos, deceased; Harry, a farmer of West Lampeter, who married Fannie Myers; Christian, a farmer of Paradise township, who married Lavina Shaub; Mary, married to George W. Rohrer, of East Lampeter; John, a farmer of Strasburg, who married Barbara Keener; and Katie, who remains in the home.

Both Emanuel Neff and his wife are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, where their kindness and generosity are well known, and they are among the most respected residents of this part of Lancaster county.

**PAUL HEINE**, of the Sprenger Brewing Company, is well known in Lancaster, where with his father-in-law, Ferdinand Grebe, he owns the Sprenger brewery—one of the widest known and oldest institutions of its kind in the city. He was born in Wolfshagen, Brunswick, Germany, Nov. 25, 1864, a son of Heinrich and Elizabeth (Necker) Heine.

Heinrich Heine, who died in Berlin in 1879, was a noted author; poet and playwright, and a number of published works testify to his ability. His wife, Elizabeth Necker, daughter of a distinguished physician of Laage, Mecklenburg, is still living in Berlin, hale and hardy at the age of eighty-two years. Three children were born to them: Richard, a leather goods manufacturer of New York;

Emma, wife of Ferdinand Krause, an Imperial Opera singer of Berlin; and Paul.

After receiving an excellent education at various German schools Mr. Heine connected himself with a leading Berlin exporting house, remaining with same four years, after which he went to the celebrated Franz Spielhagen Chemical Works, the largest of their kind in Berlin. He was then twenty-one years old, and in three years he had ascended the commercial ladder to the position of manager and cashier in the concern. Holding this place three years, in 1891 he became anxious to visit America with a view of establishing himself here. Two weeks after reaching New York he secured a position in the big linen goods importing house of Lamb & Griesbach, in order to make himself better acquainted with the business methods and the language of this country. He then bought out a stationery business in that city, and in two years and a half after landing in America he was part owner of a large brewery—the one at Lancaster. Mr. Heine is certainly a progressive and wide-awake business man, and his life affords a good lesson for young men to emulate. Continual additions, and improvements prompted by a constantly growing demand for its products, have brought the concern to fully three times its capacity over that when purchased, in 1894. Progressive in everything, the Sprenger Brewing Company built the fine "Hotel Lincoln," on South Queen street, besides rebuilding and remodeling several other of their hotels in the city, thus contributing materially to the development of Lancaster. Modern appliances in the brewery have made its product greatly sought, not only in Lancaster and the county, but from all over the State. Mr. Heine is a member of the Lancaster Board of Trade.

In April, 1894, Mr. Heine married Emma, only daughter and child of Ferdinand Grebe. One child has been born to them, Ferdinand, named in honor of his maternal grandfather. Mr. Heine is a member of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Knights Templar, Council, Lodge of Perfection and Mystic Shrine, in Masonry; of the Benevolent Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Knights of Fidelity, Hamilton Club, Road Drivers Association, Lancaster Country Club, and the leading German societies of the place. He is a public-spirited citizen, always having the interest of the place he made his home at heart. He is well thought of by everybody, is liberal and kind-hearted to the less fortunate ones, and may well be congratulated on his popularity and business standing, for it is of the best.

**GEORGE RUTT SENSENIG**, of No. 11 North Duke street, is one of fifteen children born to parents who came from old and prominent families. Christian Sensenig, his great-grandfather, was a miller, and came from Switzerland to America early in the century to escape the religious persecution







*Paul Heine*



then fiercely raging against the Mennonite Church in his native land. He settled in Earl township, and his descendants have been land owners there for generations.

John Sensenig, the grandfather of George R., was a lifelong miller, and was born in Lancaster county. His son, Christian, was also a miller, was born near Terre Hill, in East Earl township, in 1773, and died in 1864. His wife was Susan, a daughter of Christian Rutt, a farmer in East Earl township, and to this union fifteen children were born, of whom four are living: Levi, a cattle dealer of Lancaster; Harry R., a farmer of Cocalico township; Mattie, the widow of Martin M. Sensenig, late of Goodville, Lancaster county, and head of the Sensenig hardware company, one of the most extensive concerns of its kind outside of the big cities; George Rutt.

George Rutt Sensenig was born in East Earl township in 1846, and was educated in the local district school, which he left when thirteen years old to go into his father's mill, where he remained until his eighteenth year, when his father died. At that time he left the mill and entered the butcher trade, which he fully learned, and then engaged in the cattle business, soon being recognized as a most reliable dealer. On Aug. 21, 1900, Mr. Sensenig purchased the extensive business of George J. Rutt, on North Duke street. Here he is engaged in a most successful meat business, with his abattoirs at No. 465 Holland avenue, and his patrons include many of the best families of the city.

Mr. Sensenig married Sarah, daughter of David Fry, a noted tanner of Ephrata. Mr. Sensenig is a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a Master Mason. In his politics he is an ardent Republican, and has attended as a delegate the county and other conventions, and had the honor of being a delegate to the national convention that nominated General Harrison for a second term. Mr. Sensenig is an honorable and upright man of lofty impulses, and has a host of friends.

**SAMUEL L. KAUFFMAN**, a resident of Kinzers, Lancaster county, was born near Allensville, Mifflin Co., Pa., in 1830, and there he lived until he was nine years of age, receiving the most of his education in that period of his life.

Jacob Kauffman, the great-grandfather of Samuel L., was born in 1737, the exact date and location not being known. His son, Christian Kauffman, was born June 25, 1764, at what is known as Chester Valley, Chester Co., Pa. The father of Samuel L. was born Sept. 15, 1797. The grandfather lived at this point during the Revolutionary war, and on one occasion the opposing armies drew very close to this place. The Kauffmans were notified by Gen. Washington that a battle was likely to take place on that very farm. This kind act was repeated by the great American, and other families in the neighborhood were notified to remain in the cellar during

the battle, as they were between the contending armies. The next morning the valley was swept by a severe storm, and the expected battle did not take place. Christian Kauffman moved to Mifflin county, Pa., in 1802, where he made his home. The father of Samuel L. Kauffman was married in 1819 or 1820 to Sarah Lapp, and to this union were born six boys and three girls: John Kauffman, born Sept. 19, 1821; Gideon, March 28, 1824; Jonathan, Dec. 10, 1826; Samuel L., Jan. 24, 1830; Elizabeth, Sept. 11, 1832, married to Jonathan F. Stoltzfus; Michael L., Dec. 7, 1834; Christian L., Feb. 5, 1838; Nancy, Nov. 29, 1840, who married Jacob Stoltzfus and was killed by a train at a railway street-crossing near Bird-in-Hand; Sarah, Dec. 24, 1843, wife of Amos Mat.

From Mifflin county the family moved to Union county, Pa., in 1839, and nine years later made their home near Paradise, Lancaster Co., Pa., where the father died Sept. 15, 1879; he was eighty-two years old; his wife, who was born Jan. 15, 1801, died Nov. 22, 1879.

Samuel L. Kauffman grew to manhood under the parental roof, was married Feb. 3, 1857, near Gap P. O., Lancaster county, to Barbara Stoltzfus, and at first was engaged in farming. In 1864 he went into a business of selling agricultural implements, and was later engaged in the hardware business under the name of Kauffman & Livingston. This partner was Benjamin B. Livingston, a brother of Judge John B. Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Kauffman had no children, and in the fall of 1857 they took into their home two orphan children, a brother and sister, William D. and Mary Jane Skiles. The boy died when ten years old, and the sister married John Kessler, a coach maker at Kinzers. The Kauffman home next became an asylum for Harry McNeley, a boy of nine years of age, without education or moral training. He was of a roving disposition, but under the kindly atmosphere of this beautiful home and the motherly spirit of Mrs. Kauffman his better nature bloomed and became marked. He was sent to day and Sunday-school, became a student of the Bible, was ordained a clergyman and is in charge of the United Brethren Church at Pottstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman also took charge of a nephew, who was a deaf mute. They enfolded him in an atmosphere of love and eventually sent him to the Mute School at Philadelphia, where he remained ten years. He has become a man of culture, has married a mute, a school-mate, and is engaged in the seed business near Lancaster City. Another child taken into this hospitable home was Hallie M. Campbell, who was taken from the county home in 1895, when she was ten years of age. She has become a bright and charming young girl, and is the great delight of her foster parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are both members of the Amish Mennonite Church, and took an active part in the establishment of the Sunday-school at





the Amish Millwood Church. The organization of the Sunday-school was opposed by many, but the persistence of Mr. Kauffman and others overcame the opposition, and brought the churches into line. Mr. Kauffman was one of the building committee at the construction of the church in 1882, of which he has been one of the Trustees to the present time.

Mr. Kauffman has been associated with the Penn Mutual Fire Association since its formation, being successively agent, director and president of the Association, being elected to this last position at the annual meeting in the fall of 1901.

JACOB ROHRER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in East Hempfield township Nov. 8, 1829, son of Daniel and Mary (Kreider) Rohrer, of Leacock and East Lampeter townships.

Daniel Rohrer, the father, was also a farmer until thirteen years prior to his death, which occurred in January, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. His wife died in January, 1894, at the age of eighty-six years. The couple are buried in the East Petersburg cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were members of the Mennonite Church; for years he was a member of the school directory of this district. He was a man of prominence and large means.

There were born to them the following children: John, a retired farmer residing at Landisville, Pa.; Jacob; Daniel, a farmer, living in Crawford county, Mo.; Benjamin, who died in youth; Abraham, deceased, a farmer; Anna, wife of Abraham B. Miller, a retired farmer of Rohrerstown, Pa.; Israel, who died in youth; Hettie, who died at the age of thirty-one years, unmarried; Isaac, a farmer of Marion county, Mo.; Henry, who died in youth; and Mary, wife of Isaac K. Stoner, a farmer of Petersburg, Pa. Jacob Rohrer's grandparents on his father's side were John and Hettie (Wenger) Rohrer, of Leacock township.

John Rohrer, a farmer and carpenter, was born in 1779 and died at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was born in 1779 and died at the age of sixty-eight years. Both are buried in Leacock township. There were born to them the following children: Benjamin; Maria, wife of John Musser; Daniel; Isaac; Hettie, wife of Joseph Moyer; Martin; Jacob; Michael; Betsey, wife of Samuel Buckwalter; Israel; and Nancy, wife of Christian Stauffer. On his mother's side Mr. Rohrer's grandparents were John and Anna (Hoover) Kreider, of Lampeter and Warwick townships. Mr. Kreider was a farmer and died in Lampeter township, and his wife died in East Hempfield township.

On Nov. 17, 1857, Jacob Rohrer was married to Miss Mary S. Kreider, of Lancaster, Pa. There have been born to this union the following children: Jacob K., a farmer of East Hempfield township, married to Amanda Stauffer, by whom he has had four children; Mary K., wife of Martin Nissley, a machinist of Landisville, Pa., with eight children;

Daniel K., who died in youth; John S., living on the old farm in Rapho township, and married to Miss Lizzie Nissley, by whom he has had three children; and Hettie K., who married Benjamin D. Peters, a farmer and machinist of Rapho township, and has had six children.

Mrs. Mary S. (Kreider) Rohrer was born in East Hempfield township, died Dec. 20, 1898, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in Erissman's cemetery; she was the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sechrist) Kreider, of Lampeter township. Both her parents died in East Hempfield township.

Jacob Rohrer lived with his parents until the time of his marriage, receiving in the meantime a good education in the schools of the district. Soon after the wedding he moved to the farm now owned by John S. Rohrer and remained there until 1894, when he removed to his present farm, a very fine place. Mr. Rohrer is a prominent man in the township, for eight years was school director and was township auditor for a period of three years. He is a Republican in politics and is greatly interested in the welfare of that party. Mr. Rohrer and his family are members of the Mennonite Church. The whole neighborhood rightfully regards Mr. Rohrer as a splendid specimen of the old-time Pennsylvania gentleman, and finds it a pleasure to meet and visit with him.

ABRAHAM HERSHOUR, a resident of Fulton township, was born in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, April 6, 1825. He is a son of James and Hanna (Stoman) Hershaur, natives of Bucks county and of German origin.

James Hershaur, the father, was a farmer by occupation and came to Lancaster county while yet a young man. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought office. He was of the Lutheran religious belief and a devout member of that church. He was the father of nine children, all of whom are now dead, with the exception of Abraham and Susan, the wife of Joseph Camra. Their names were Isaac, John, Henry, Joseph, Abraham, Elizabeth, Lydia, Susan and Samuel.

Abraham Hershaur was married to Miss Leah Able Oct. 21, 1852. She was the daughter of George and Catherine Able, of York county, Pa. This family also was of German origin. Mr. and Mrs. Hershaur have been blessed with the following children: Jacob, born April 28, 1854, a farmer of Little Britain township; Henry, born July 8, 1856, who died in youth; Catherine, born Sept. 24, 1858, deceased; Matilda, born Dec. 8, 1859, the wife of Bar Caruth; Abraham, born May 13, 1863, residing in Lancaster; John, deceased; Franklin, born Jan. 24, 1864, residing in Chester county, Pa.; Christian, born Aug. 19, 1869, residing on the home farm; Leah E., born Dec. 28, 1871, the wife of Caleb McFann; and Mary A., born April 6, 1875, who married Charles Bradley and lives on the homestead with her parents. Mrs. Hershaur was born Sept. 24, 1833.



Mr. Hershaur started in life a very poor boy, but by industry and frugality he is now the owner of a fine farm of 167 acres, well stocked and improved. He is a strong Republican in politics. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Respected by all his friends and neighbors, Mr. Hershaur stands in his community a citizen with whom it is both a pleasure and a benefit to be acquainted.

PETER E. HERSHEY, a retired farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born in Salisbury township Feb. 5, 1826, and is a son of Abraham and Anna (Eby) Hershey, both of Salisbury township.

Abraham Hershey was a farmer, and spent his entire life in Salisbury township, where he died in January, 1843, at the age of fifty-six years, eleven months and two days. His widow, who long survived him, went to her rest in February, 1896, at the age of ninety-five years, two months and fourteen days. Both were buried in Hershey's burying ground in Salisbury township. They were the parents of two children: Margaret, who is the widow of Daniel Denlinger, and lives in Leacock township; Peter E., whose name appears above. Abraham Hershey was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Sechrist, who was the mother of Jacob S., who died in August, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years.

Andrew Hershey, the pioneer representative of the family in this country, was born in Switzerland and came to America in 1719, with his two sons, Andrew and Benjamin, making their home near the present site of Lancaster. A third son, Christian, remained in Switzerland until 1739, when he also immigrated to Pennsylvania, where with his two brothers he became a preacher of the Mennonite Church. Andrew Hershey, who died in 1792, was the father of twelve children, Christian, John, Andrew, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Peter, Maria, Catherine and Adli.

The paternal grandparents of Peter E. Hershey were Jacob and Anna (Newcomer) Hershey. They were both natives of Dauphin county, but moved into Lancaster county and spent their lives in Salisbury township. They had the following family: John; Jacob; Christian; Elizabeth; Abraham and Andrew, twins; Joseph, a Mennonite bishop.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Hershey were Peter and Maragret (Hess) Newcomer, both natives of Lancaster county.

Peter E. Hershey was married Dec. 5, 1848, in Lancaster, Pa., to Anna Landis. Born to this union were: Christian L., who died in his eighteenth year; Anna, who married Amos Leaman, of Leacock township, and died at the age of twenty-five; Henry; Mary, who married Esaias Denlinger, a farmer of Paradise township, and is the mother of four children; Landis, a farmer on the old homestead in Salisbury township, married, first, to Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom he had one child, Harry, and,

second, to Lizzie Leaman, by whom he had three children, Anna, Willis and Ruth.

Mrs. Anna (Landis) Hershey was born in East Lampeter township in 1829, a daughter of Christian S. and Mary (Landis) Landis, of East Lampeter township. Her father, who was a farmer, died in East Lampeter township at the age of sixty-seven years, six months and nine days. His wife died June 8, 1865; at the age of fifty-seven years, three months and twenty-five days. Both were buried in the cemetery connected with the Mellinger Church. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Christian S. Landis were the parents of the following family: Levi, who was a retired farmer, now deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of Peter B. Brubaker, living in Manheim township; Anna; Catherine, late wife of Christian S. Risser; Rev. John L., a clergyman of the Mennonite Church, of East Lampeter township; Hettie, the widow of Martin R. Herr, residing in Leacock township.

The maternal grandparents of Anna (Landis) Hershey were Henry and Mary (Rohrer) Landis, both natives of Lancaster county. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hershey were John and Barbara (Snaveley) Landis, both of Lancaster county. John Landis was twice married.

Peter E. Hershey lived with his mother until his marriage, when he moved to another farm, in Salisbury township, where he remained until 1855, that year coming to his present farm. In the spring of 1878 he retired. For five times he was appointed assistant assessor, and was school director seven years, when he refused to serve longer in that position. Both husband and wife are members of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican, and holds an enviable position in the community, where he has many friends, won by his industry and honesty, and retained by his kindly character.

SAMUEL WEAVER LANTZ, for many years a farmer in Lancaster county, was descended from a Swiss family of French extraction, one of whom settled in Connecticut. This latter day bearer of the name was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 27, 1837, and died in Lancaster City April 1, 1899. His parents, Jacob and Hettie (Weaver) Lantz, were also natives of this county, and they were married, lived for sixty-three years and died in the same house, during the same year, and at the same age. Jacob Lantz died in September of 1883, his wife having passed away in July. They were eighty-three years old. They were members of the New Mennonite Church, and were the parents of seven children: Isaac, a farmer in Chester county, Pa.; Benjamin, deceased; John, deceased; Samuel Weaver; Hettie, the widow of Martin Meyers, of Landisville, Pa.; Anna, wife of John Trout, a farmer of Strasburg; and Leah, living in Landisville.

From earliest youth Samuel Weaver Lantz was





reared to an appreciation of the dignity and usefulness of an agricultural life, and his inclinations never wandered from this peaceful means of livelihood. On Dec. 19, 1865, he married Maria Kleinhans, born in Strasburg, daughter of John Frederick and Amelia (Leistner) Kleinhans, natives, respectively, of Hanover and Brunswick, Germany. The father was born Oct. 3, 1808, and died at Lancaster in 1893; and the mother was born Jan. 13, 1825, and still lives in this city. John Fredrick Kleinhans was a blacksmith in his native land, but upon coming to Lancaster in 1840 worked for the Baldwin Locomotive Works for a few years, and then started in business for himself. Besides Maria, he had one son, Elias, a farmer in the York furnaces. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lantz are: Amelia, the wife of Martin Shreiner, of Neffsville, Pa.; Harry, a molder at Mount Vernon; Anna, married to Henry Fritze, an electrician of Jersey City; Charles, married to Sadie Dubble and living in Philadelphia; Bertha, who married Dr. Benjamin F. Good, of Conestoga, Pa.; Bessie, unmarried and living at home; Mary, also at home; and Alice, deceased at the age of seventeen years.

During the Civil war Mr. Lantz served in Co. E, 79th Regiment, P. V., enlisting Sept. 21, 1861, and receiving his discharge Oct. 1, 1864. He participated in thirteen battles, and was wounded in the hand, besides contracting rheumatism, from which he suffered all his life, and for which he received a pension. He was a member of the New Mennonite Church. He belonged to the Republican party and served as supervisor of Strasburg for three years. Mr. Lantz bore an enviable reputation in his neighborhood, his honesty of purpose and public spirit being unquestioned.

AARON WEAVER, one of the most successful farmers of Lancaster county, is a son of the late Isaac Weaver, who was born in East Lampeter township, and died at the city of Lancaster.

Isaac Weaver was a son of Rev. Joseph Weaver, a Mennonite minister of Lampeter, and himself entered that communion early in life, remaining a devout and consistent member of the church until his death, which occurred in his sixty-ninth year. He was a man of intellect, good judgment and almost phenomenal energy. He was a large land owner, being the proprietor of three farms, all of which his progressive spirit and wide-awake ideas led him to keep well improved. That on which he resided, where his children were born, and which is spoken of in the family as "the homestead," comprised 128 acres located in East Lampeter. Another of 185 acres situated some six miles west of Lancaster, was known as the Sener farm. The third, known as the Beam farm, was at Willowstreet; there he erected a complete set of buildings. Besides making such extensive improvements on his own property he assisted two sisters in improving their property. When he had reached the age of sixty he

retired to pass his declining years in rest. He erected a residence at No. 529 East King street, Lancaster, and there entered into rest Oct. 27, 1887. He married Catherine Barr, who survives him, and is now living, at an advanced age, with her daughter Mrs. John Girven, of Mechanicsburg. They were the parents of seven children: Mary, the eldest, is the wife of John Girven, of Mechanicsburg, this county; Joseph B. lives at the old homestead in East Lampeter; Aaron is the subject of the present biographical sketch; Benjamin F. is a farmer of Manor township; Milton L. is a miller and coal dealer in West Hempfield; Elizabeth is deceased; and Ephraim E., the youngest of the family, is a farmer in Manor.

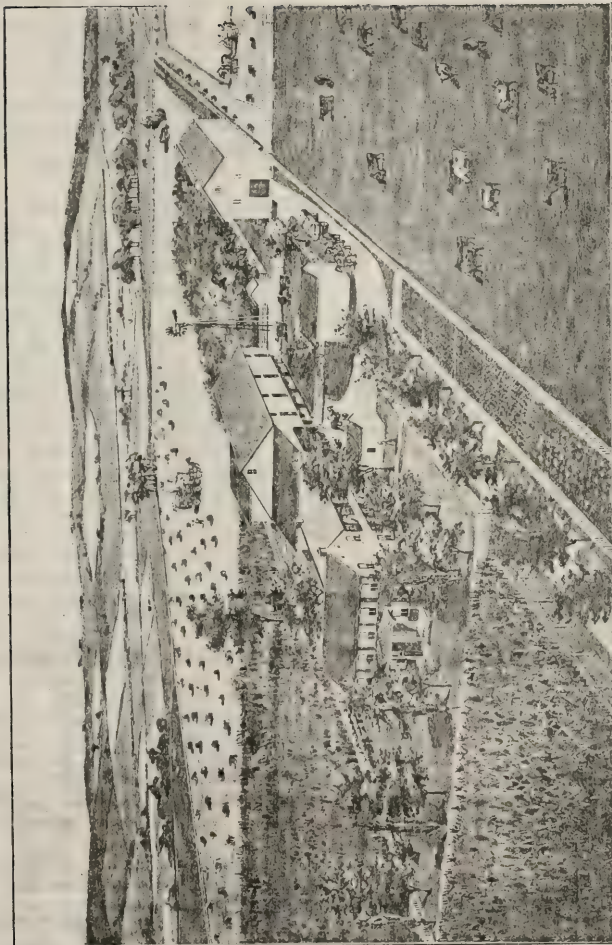
Aaron Weaver was born in East Lampeter March 11, 1826. He grew up on the old home farm, and after his father's retirement and removal to Lancaster was employed for some two years by his brother-in-law, Mr. Girven. In 1882 he and his brother, Benjamin F., went to Manor township, and settled on the Sener farm, to which reference has been already made, renting the same from their father, who had purchased it from Jacob Landis. For three years the brothers occupied it jointly, and during this time they made some costly improvements, erecting a fine residence, with good, substantial barns and tobacco houses. It was conceded to be one of the finest, best improved and most efficiently managed farms in that part of the county. In 1885 their father divided the property equally between them, Aaron Weaver receiving the southern half. He has still further improved his portion, and everything about his place tells of thrift, good sense, industry and prosperity. While chiefly engaged in general farming, Mr. Weaver, since 1892, has engaged extensively in tobacco growing and packing, in which his quick perceptive power and excellent business judgment have insured his success.

Mr. Weaver was married, in November, 1889, to Miss Emma K. Landis, a daughter of Jacob S. Landis, of East Lampeter. She died in February, 1890. Mr. Weaver is a Republican in politics.

AMOS WALTON (deceased) occupied a leading position among the representative farmers of Fulton township, Lancaster county, not only on account of his financial success, but also, and more especially, because of his genial personality and excellence of judgment and character. His birth occurred Jan. 6, 1840, and he was a son of Amos and Martha (Young) Walton. His grandfather was born in England, and came to this country at an early date. His family consisted of Amos (1), father of Amos (2), John, Jesse, Okum, Isaac, Elijah, Eliza and Emily.

Amos Walton, Sr., was married Sept. 15, 1827, to Martha, daughter of John Young. To them came children as follows: Mahlon, born July 17, 1828, a farmer who resided in Martie township and died in 1897; Levi, born Dec. 7, 1830, who died young; Mary Ann, born Dec. 27, 1833.





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who married George Patten, of Martic township, and died in 1896; Isaac, born Aug. 19, 1835, a resident of Mount Nebo, Martic township; Amos, our subject.

Amos Walton was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the public schools of the district. Starting out in life without a dollar, he began working at a salary of forty cents per day, yet before his death owned a fine farm of 190 acres, all in a good state of cultivation. Upon the place is a pleasant, three-story brick residence, commodious barn, ample tobacco sheds and all necessary out-buildings, and Mr. Walton was justly regarded as one of the best farmers in his part of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 15, 1864, Mr. Walton married Miss Martha Alexander, who was born Dec. 2, 1841, daughter of John and Susan Alexander, of Martic township, of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. Walton was one of a family of eight children: Marris, who died while serving in the Civil war; Martha, the widow of Amos Walton; Mary Ann, married to Lewis Jenkins; Jason, deceased; Samuel, a merchant of Mount Nebo; Rebecca Jane, wife of Harry Marsh, a merchant of Lancaster City, Pa.; John, a farmer of Martic township; Calvin, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton had two children: Isaac Jason, who was born March 4, 1866; and Lewis E., who was born April 15, 1868, and died May 24, 1870. Amos Walton was a Democrat in politics. Kind to his family, honorable in all his dealings, a good neighbor and a public-spirited citizen, he was a man who enjoyed the highest respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen, and was an excellent example to the rising generation, a typical representative of selfmade men. His death, which occurred Feb. 27, 1902, was deeply lamented.

Isaac Jason Walton married Anna Martha Wilson, of Fulton township, on Aug. 25, 1887. She was born Oct. 24, 1864, daughter of Hiram and Martha (Phillips) Wilson. Four children came to them: Edgar Earl, born March 19, 1888; Amos Lester, born March 8, 1889; Edna Martha, born Nov. 2, 1891; and Mary Elma, born Feb. 9, 1902. Isaac Jason Walton now owns the farm where he resides with his family.

**JESSE HARNER**, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Drumore township, now a resident of Liberty Square, in Lancaster county, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Jan. 20, 1835, a son of Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, he being of German, and she of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Grandfather John Harner was an old settler of Montgomery county and there reared this family: Daniel, Joseph, Henry, John, Samuel, Sarah, Susan, Anna and Elizabeth. Of this family Joseph became the father of Jesse Harner and was born in 1783, and died in 1870. In 1822 he was united in marriage to Mary Slingluff, who was born in 1794

and died in 1849, the seven children of this union being: John S., whose sketch appears elsewhere; George, deceased; Samuel A., whose sketch is given in another place; Mary Ann, who married Thomas Cully (See sketch); Elizabeth, who married J. Harrison Long and has passed away; Joseph, whose sketch is given elsewhere; and Jesse, the youngest of the family.

Jesse Harner was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of his locality; he became more interested in agricultural pursuits than in any other line of activity, and this resulted in a life spent in operating his farm. One of the best farms in Martic township is owned by him, and he also possesses a nice farm and store property at Liberty Square, where he resides.

Jesse Harner was married Jan. 3, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Sides, of Martic township, whose death on Oct. 1, 1885, brought grief to a large circle of friends. Her life was one of Christian excellence. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harner were: Joseph G., born Dec. 14, 1860, residing in Philadelphia; Benjamin F., who died in youth; Harry, deceased; Annie A., born April 25, 1867, the wife of Harry Rutter, of Philadelphia; and Clara E., born Oct. 1, 1870, the wife of H. C. Ambler, of Liberty Square.

In political circles Mr. Harner has always been a very active member of the Democratic party, and has efficiently served his township as school director. As one of the leading members of the Pethesda M. E. Church he has exerted a wide influence as trustee, steward, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Harner is a man who is well known in this locality, and his upright life and character are an excellent example. His voice and vote are always to be counted upon when questions arise concerning temperance, as he has been through life opposed to the use of either tobacco or strong drink. Mr. Harner enjoys the esteem of the township where his life has been passed.

**JAMES SWISHER, Sr.**, late a retired farmer of Colerain township, whose years and industry commanded the respect and esteem his character so well deserved, was born Feb. 22, 1820, his parents being Henry W. and Margaret (Meginness) Swisher.

Henry W. Swisher was born in Colerain township in 1794, and his wife, Margaret Meginness in 1788. She was an aunt of John F. Meginness, the originator of this work, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fordham) Meginness. The Meginness family came from Ireland, and the Fordhams from England.

Henry W. Swisher was the son of John and Rachel (Woodrow) Swisher, both natives of Baltimore county, Md., their ancestors finding a home in this country as early as 1701. They were of German origin; John Swisher was the son of Henry, was born in Germany, and came to this country long



previous to the Revolutionary war. He settled in Colerain township as early as 1732, the title to his property running from William Penn. It is still in the hands of the Swisher family. It belonged first to Henry, then to John, and later to his son, Henry (2), the father of James, Senior.

Henry W. Swisher was married in 1816 and made his home on part of the original purchase. He learned the trade of a weaver and followed it for many years. In his later life he bought a farm south of the home where James, Sr., afterwards resided, and lived there until his wife died, in 1862. He then made his home with his son, James, until his own death in 1873. Mr. Swisher was a Lutheran but his wife, Margaret, always adhered to her ancestral faith, that of the Friends Society. In politics he was what he loved to style himself, a Jacksonian Democrat, and was called to office in the town at different times during his life. To him and his good wife were born one son, and three daughters: (1) Elizabeth, born in 1817, married William Hollis, and settled in Bart township, where both died on his farm home; two of their children are living: William, of Bart township, and Margaret E., who is now Mrs. Nelson Boyd, of Little Britain township. (2) Rachel, born in 1824, married Washington Swisher, and located in Colerain township, where she died in 1864, her husband surviving until 1899; they had four children: James; Mrs. Elizabeth McCauley, of Quarryville; Henry, of Colerain township; and George W., also of Colerain township. (3) Anna Ellen, born in May, 1830, married John Groff, and settled on one of the old homesteads, where she died in 1885 leaving eight children. (4) James.

James Swisher was reared on the farm, where he received the benefits of a country school education, and remained on the home farm until thirty years of age. In 1842 he married Miss Margaret Everly, of Colerain township, who was born in Bart township, July 20, 1815. Her parents both died when she was a child, and she was reared in the home of Martha and Hannah McFarland. Mr. Swisher bought the home of Benjamin McGinnis, where he lived some eight years, and then sold it. In 1860 he purchased what was then known as the Samuel Smith home. It was a small place with a small frame house. He erected a large bank barn at once and a few years later built the present house. By purchasing adjoining tracts of land he secured a large farm, where he had a fine set of buildings. During his life time Mr. Swisher built three large barns on property owned by him.

James Swisher and his wife had no children of their own but they adopted and reared Margaret L., a daughter of Adam and Angeline (Lovett) Walker. She was born near Conowingo, in Lancaster county, in 1858. Her father died when she was a mere child, and she was taken to James Swisher's where she was reared and educated as a child of the family. In 1883 she married James Swisher, Jr., a nephew of her foster parents. They resided in the home of Mr.

Swisher, where the younger man had charge of the farm, and took on his own sturdy shoulders much of the burden of the operation of the farm. To them have come two children, Rachel A., born in 1883, and Viella L., born in 1886.

Mr. Swisher was always a Democrat. Mrs. Swisher is a Baptist and he was reared in the Lutheran faith. Mr. Swisher was a man of more than ordinary ability, and, though given but a limited education, he read much, and expanded his mind with a knowledge of practical business affairs. While past eighty when he died, on May 27, 1902, his mind remained as bright and clear as ever.

ISAAC H. KAUFMAN (deceased) was born in Petersburg, Lancaster county, Feb. 23, 1834, and died in Mountville Dec. 27, 1893, in the faith of the Mennonite Church.

His parents, Isaac and Anna (Hess) Kaufman, of Lancaster county, were agricultural people, and both died on Turkey Hill, in Manor township—the father in 1886, at the age of eighty-four years, and the mother in 1889, when eighty-two years old. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains were buried in Masonville, Lancaster county. To Isaac and Anna (Hess) Kaufman was born a family of ten children, viz.: John, a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, deceased wife of David Eshleman; Rudolph, of Manor township; Isaac H., whose name heads this sketch; Edward, of Lancaster township; Catherine, wife of Benjamin Witmer, of Millersville; Amos, a farmer of Marticville; Jacob and Daniel, deceased; and Anna, widow of Abraham Taylor, late of Millersville.

Isaac H. Kaufman lived on the home farm until 1870, when he moved to Mountville and engaged in tobacco trade. He was the owner of three large farms, which he had cultivated by hired help, and he built, in 1868, the first tobacco warehouse in his neighborhood. On locating in Mountville he erected the brick mansion now occupied by his family. He was one of the leading business men of the county, was progressive in all things and retrograde in nothing; was a director in the Columbia National Bank for many years, or until the Mountville Bank was organized, when he became president of the latter, and held that position until within a few years of his death, when he resigned to become a director.

Isaac H. Kaufman was joined in matrimony in 1858, in Lancaster City, with Fanny Herr, and to this union was born the following family: Uriah H., a merchant of Mountville; Anna M., wife of Christ Garber, a farmer of Mountville; Adeline, wife of Joseph Charles, farmer of Manor township; Catherine, who died young; Henry, a railroad conductor in Philadelphia; and Frances, wife of John Musser, a retired farmer of Mountville.

Mrs. Fanny (Herr) Kaufman is a native of Manor township and a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Herr) Herr, of Manor township, where the





father was a farmer and died in 1885, at eighty-four years of age, and where the mother died in 1868, when fifty-nine years old. Both belonged to the German Baptist Brethren. To Henry and Catherine Herr was born the following family: Tobias, a retired farmer of Manor township, and a minister of the German Baptist Brethren; Mary, widow of Martin Bair, of Illinois; Henry, a farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa.; Martha, wife of Nicholas Baker, of Sterling, Ill.; Amos, of Neffsville, Pa., and a farmer; Fanny, now Mrs. Kaufman; Abraham E., a farmer of Petersburg; Catherine, who died young; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Good, a retired farmer of Lancaster, and Christian, a tobacco merchant of the same city. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kaufman were Christian and Mary Herr, and her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Catherine (Brandt) Herr—both families farming people of Manor township, and none better known or more highly respected in the county.

FRANK W. HELM, a merchant of New Providence, is one of the leading citizens of Providence township and one of its most successful business men. He was born in Strasburg township Dec. 9, 1842, son of Daniel and Anna (Hoak) Helm, of New Providence, where the latter died in 1848.

Daniel Helm, the father of Frank W., is a retired farmer of Providence, and a son of John Helm, also a farmer, who was a son of John; this great-grandfather came of German parentage and followed the trade of shoemaker in this locality for many years. Daniel Helm married (first), in 1838, Anna Hoak, and the children of this union were as follows: John H., a resident of Iowa; Frank W.; Amos H., a physician of New Providence; and Mary, who resides with her aged father. After the death of his first wife, in 1848, Daniel Helm married Miss Susan Eckman, of Strasburg township, and to this union were born the following children: Daniel E., a merchant of East Drumore township; Enos M., of New Cumberland, Pa.; J. Calvin, of Steelton, Pa.; Charles E., a physician of Bart township; Elmer E., in Lancaster; Thaddeus G., A. M., principal in Franklin-Marshall Academy, in Lancaster; and Rufus D., of Seattle, Washington.

Frank W. Helm was reared on the farm and attended the public schools. At the age of seventeen, in 1860, he became a clerk in the employ of J. Hilderbrand, in New Providence, and later he was connected in the same capacity with John Tweed and Dr. Raub, entering into a partnership with the latter. Upon the death of Dr. Raub the firm name became Helm & Peoples, continuing thus for a period of five years, changing then to Helm & Raub, and again, five years after, to Helm & Bro., this partnership lasting until Frank W. Helm bought his brother's interest and took his son into the business. The firm now stands F. W. Helm & Son, and is a leader in its line in this locality, trusted in the trade and enjoying the patronage of the general pub-

lic. The foundation stone of the success of this firm has been business integrity, and the same methods regulate its conduct now that have been in operation ever since Mr. Helm assumed charge. In 1863 Mr. Helm was made postmaster of New Providence, and has been the incumbent ever since, with the exception of the years of the administration of President Cleveland. He has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and has for twenty-six years served his township as auditor, a post he is at present filling. Under the organization of the Quarryville National Bank, in 1883, Mr. Helm was one of the directors; after the death of President Hensel he was elected to that responsible position, and since that time the financial condition of this institution has commanded commendation and its position as a safe repository is well known.

In politics Mr. Helm is a staunch Republican, and wields considerable influence in his part of the county. He belongs to the Reformed Church, is its efficient Sunday-school superintendent and one of its honored elders.

On Sept. 18, 1867, Mr. Helm was married to Miss Emma Lefever, of Quarryville, daughter of Christian and Susan Lefever, and to this union four children were born, namely: Justus C., who married Miss Minnie Peters, of Quarryville, and is associated with his father in the mercantile business in New Providence; Susan Catherine, the wife of Dr. B. F. Wentz, of Philadelphia; E. Blanche, the wife of William Fisher, of Quarryville, a saddler; and Pauline, a young lady at home. Although Mr. Helm is now one of the substantial men of his township, he began his business career with limited means, but having always closely applied himself to his business, saved his money and won his friends by honesty, industry and courtesy, he is now reaping the reward and enjoying the esteem of his fellow citizens and the comforts assured by ample means. His charities have been large and his kind treatment of others well-known, while his example has been of value, showing the power of an exemplary life.

HENRY S. BRUBAKER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born there July 2, 1836, son of Peter and Mary (Strickler) Brubaker, of the same township.

Peter Brubaker, the father, died Feb. 9, 1851, aged fifty years, and the mother died in 1874 at the age of sixty-six years. They are buried in the Erissmans Church cemetery, to which place their remains were removed from the old Brubaker homestead in Rapho township. The mother was a member of the Mennonite Church. There were born to this union: Abraham, who married Susan Miller of Rapho township and died in 1889; and Henry S. Mr. Brubaker's grandparents were Abraham and Maria (Erissman) Brubaker, of Rapho, Lancaster county, both of whom died on the old homestead. Abraham Brubaker, son of Jacob, was of Swiss stock. On his



mother's side Mr. Brubaker's grandparents were Abraham and Maria (Hostetter) Strickler, of Lancaster county, the family being of Swiss origin. Abraham Strickler was the son of Ulrich Strickler.

On May 6, 1860, Henry S. Brubaker married Anna Brubaker of Lancaster. There were born to this marriage: Benjamin F., who resides with his father, is married to Miss Macie Noll and has four children; Peter S., a farmer of Rapho township, married to Miss Katie Keener, and a preacher in the Zion's Children (Brinser) denomination; Elmer E., of Petersburg, Pa., married to Miss Louisa Breneman; Henry A., farmer of Rapho township, who married Miss Fanny Ginder and has three children; and Abraham G., single, at home. Mrs. Brubaker was born in Rapho township and died in 1895 at the age of fifty-five years. She is buried in Erissman Meeting House cemetery. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Maria Brubaker of Rapho township. The family are members of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Brubaker owns three farms, all of which are valuable and highly improved. He is a shrewd, wide-awake man, thoroughly up with the times and a close student of events. He is highly respected as a citizen and is always ready to lend a helping hand to any improvement for the advancement of the community in which he resides.

REV. EMIL MEISTER, the honored and beloved pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, is one of the foremost clergymen of the city, and is as prominent in social and educational work as he is in the church.

Mr. Meister was born in Freiburg, Baden, Germany, May 18, 1850, a son of Samuel E. and Barbara Meister, natives of the same grand duchy, where the father was a silk merchant in Freiburg until 1854, when he emigrated to Switzerland. Both Samuel E. Meister and his wife entered into rest years ago, faithful to the faith of Luther. Rev. Emil Meister spent his boyhood days in Switzerland, and his literary and classical education was pursued in the Polytechnical College of Zurich, and the University of Heidelberg, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1868. For some two years after graduating he was engaged in business with his father, and came to this country to settle at Reading, where for a time he was connected with the Pilger Publishing House, and was engaged as editor of the *Kutztown Journal*. In 1872 Mr. Meister removed to Baltimore, as one of the publishers of the *Baltimore Daily Wecker*, the only Republican daily paper in the State of Maryland. In 1875 he again took up the study of theology, gratifying a long cherished ambition to devote himself to the ministry. He was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland in May, 1880, and his first pastoral charge was the First Evangelical Church of Baltimore. In August, 1880, he received a call to St. Stephen's Church,

in Lancaster, which he accepted, and at once began a work which has been creditable and successful.

St. Stephen's Church was organized in 1874, and the erection of a building was begun, which, however, was not completed for some time, the services being held in the lecture room. This was the condition of affairs that greeted the young pastor on his arrival in 1880. His inspiring services put heart into the congregation, and the church was pushed to completion and dedicated the following spring. Later on a fine pipe organ was placed in the church. The building is 49x75 feet in dimensions, and 172 feet to the top of the steeple. From a mere handful of people that received Mr. Meister, the congregation has grown to four hundred members, and is to-day one of the most influential in the city, the Sunday-school also being correspondingly increased. The parsonage of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, at No. 445 West Orange street, which is used as family residence only, is one of the finest in the city.

In January of this year (1903) Rev. Mr. Meister gave out a contract for a new church and parsonage at the corner of Ross and Ann streets, a new section of the growing city of Lancaster. This new church will be St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and when finished will be a mission of St. Stephen's Church, and also under the auspices of Rev. Mr. Meister.

In 1871 Rev. Emil Meister was married in Reading to Miss Amelia Kleinschmidt, a native of Prussia. Of this union four children were born: (1) Wilhelmina died in Lancaster in 1886, at the age of eleven years, and was buried in the family burying-ground in Reading. (2) Catherine is second in the order of birth. (3) Samuel E., after graduating in pharmacy, purchased goods and opened a drug store on West King and Mulberry streets, Lancaster, in 1888, and two years later bought a second drug store at the corner of West Chestnut and Mary streets, conducting both with marked success. He was married July 15, 1900, to Miss Gertrude Witmer, who belongs to a prominent family in Paradise township. (4) Mary, who graduated from the Lancaster high school in 1895, and later from the State Normal at Millersville, is a popular teacher of one of the Lancaster city schools.

In 1894 Rev. Mr. Meister was elected a member of the board of school directors of Lancaster, and soon made his influence felt as he did in the church, having served on the Visiting, Night School and School Laws committees. Rev. Meister is a prominent Mason, and is a member of the Linnean Society, of Lancaster.

With all his labors of debt raising and church expansion in his parish Rev. Mr. Meister has found time to do a large amount of literary work. He is the publisher of *St. Stephen's Church Messenger*, and of a monthly magazine called the *Family Friend*. Clear and concise in his utterances, graceful in diction, and endowed with fine powers of oratory, Mr. Meister is exceedingly popular as a min-







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ister, lecturer and pulpit orator. His illustrated lectures on "Ben Hur" and on "The Great National Tragedy and Death of President William McKinley" won popular favor to a marked degree. No church in Lancaster holds more closely the affections of the community. Mr. Meister is an indefatigable worker, and his work is far-reaching. Great indeed have been his labors in the city, and hosts of friends and admirers express ardent hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the fruits of his efforts.

**GEORGE LEFEVER.** Prominently identified with the farming and dairy interests of Lancaster county, and more particularly with those of Eden township, is George Lefever.

Mr. Lefever was born in this county, in West Lampeter township, Sept. 15, 1839, and his parents were George and Christianna (Forry) Lefever, both of whom were born in this county, the former in January, 1803, and the latter in 1805. George Lefever, the father, was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Meck) Lefever, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, although their ancestry was French Huguenot. Grandfather Jacob Lefever was a son of Isaac Lefever, the founder of the American branch of the family and a Revolutionary hero. A family of seven children was left by Jacob Lefever, and George was the eldest of the children; the others were as follows: (2) Jacob, who moved in his youth to Wayne county, Ohio, and there reared a family; (3) Elizabeth, married to Daniel Lefever, who settled in Quarryville and died there, leaving a family of four children; Catherine, who married Daniel D. Hess, of Quarryville; Lydia, deceased wife of Benjamin Witmer; Samuel, deceased; and Anna, wife of Henry Lefever, of West Drumore; (4) Philip, who was born in Lampeter township, married, and at death left these children,—Adam, who is a resident of Sterling, Ill.; Emma, the widow of Jacob Mower, deceased; John, who lives in West Lampeter township; Edmund, also a resident of West Lampeter; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Shultz, of Nebraska; (5) Katie, who died unmarried; (6) Samuel, who is one of the esteemed residents of this county, having reached the age of eighty-four years; (7) Lydia, deceased, who married John Houser, of West Lampeter township.

George Lefever (1) after his father's death settled on the original family homestead, this property being left him by his father. His life was a quiet, uneventful one, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he lived there until his death, in 1886, his wife having died two years previously. Both were worthy and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, were upright, Christian people, and practiced in their daily walk and conversation the principles they professed.

Mr. Lefever in his early days was a pronounced Whig, but later embraced the principles of the Republican party, and was always interested in its suc-

cess. Nine of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lefever grew to maturity, of whom George was the fifth. Jacob, who was the eldest, was born in the old home in Lampeter in 1825, is unmarried, and resides in the old homestead. Katie, born in 1828, was the wife of Martin Cassel, of Lampeter; she left no family at her death. Susan, born at the old home, in 1830, was the wife of Henry Hess, of St. Louis, Missouri, and left at her decease three daughters: Susanna, who is now Mrs. Smith, of St. Louis; Mary; and Christiana. Mary A., born in 1833, is unmarried and resides on the old homestead. Lydia, born in 1840, is the widow of George Fralick, of Strasburg, and she now resides at the old homestead, her one son, Jacob, being a resident of Dixon, Ill. Samuel, born in 1843, married Miss Sarah Rhinehart for his first wife, who left at her death these children: Mary, who is the wife of Jacob Dagen; Emma, who resides at home; and Lydia, who is the wife of Mr. Goss, of Conestoga township. The second marriage of Samuel Lefever was to Emma Lefever; their home is in Pequea township, and the two children born of this union are Jacob and Samuel. The eighth survivor was Christian, who was born in 1847 and who married Miss Mattie Rhinehart; they reside on his farm near Strasburg, and their children are: John; Jacob; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Mr. Stauffer, of this county; and Christian, Jr. Henry, who was born in 1850, married Miss Salinda Charles and they settled near the old homestead, in Lampeter township; their four children are George, Katie, Harry and Lottie.

George Lefever, of this biography, was the fifth in order of birth in his parents' family; he was reared on the old farm and obtained his education in the district schools of the township. While still a youth he demonstrated his loyalty to his country by offering his life in her defense, enlisting in Co. G, 122nd P. V. I., under Capt. Neff, of Lancaster county, and being sent to the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Lefever participated in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, took part in the struggle at Fredericksburg, was with Gen. Burnside when misfortune overtook that division of the army, later was at Chancellorsville, and was one of the escort which accompanied the brave Major-General Whipple to his last resting place after his soldier's death at Chancellorsville.

After the close of the war Mr. Lefever returned to his home, engaged in farming, literally turning his sword into a pruning hook, and became just as good a farmer as he had been soldier. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Weaver, the estimable and amiable daughter of Isaac and Mary Weaver, this family being one of the old and leading ones of the county. Mrs. Lefever was born in Strasburg township, in 1840, and was educated in the common schools in her district.

After marriage Mr. Lefever purchased the David Eckman farm, near Quarryville, and on this valu-





able property he has continued ever since. His improvements are all modern and substantial, consisting of a fine residence, commodious barns and out-buildings, the whole presenting a most attractive and inviting appearance, and in this pleasant home hospitality reigns supreme. To Mr. Lefever and his wife eleven children have been born, and all of these testify to fine constitutions given them by their parents, together with gifts of mind and character. Phares Sherman, born in 1864, moved to Sterling, Ill., when a young man and there married Miss Lizzie Fry, formerly of this county; they reside on a farm near that city, their children being Noah and Ruth. Elmer E., born in July, 1865, also located in Sterling, where he married Miss Ida Andrews, and is there conducting a grocery and bakery business; their three daughters are Anna, May and Hazel. Leander L., born in 1868, married Miss Fannie Ebersole, of Franklin county, Pa., and they reside in Prairieville, Ill., on his fine farm, with their five children, Minnie, George, Mary E., Leroy and a baby. Thaddeus S., born in November, 1870, married Miss Maggie Detweiler, of Bucks county, and they reside on his farm near Sterling, Ill., their two children being Ella and a baby. Mary E., born in August, 1869, is the wife of Howard S. Knox, and they now reside in Paradise township; their five children are Minnie F., Elizabeth, Herbert, George and Reba. Minnie L., born in January, 1872, married Harry Bair, a merchant of New Providence township, and their one son is John M. George M., born in May, 1873, married Miss Barbara Groff, of Quarryville, and they reside in Sterling, Ill., they have three children,—Bertha, Martha and a baby. Jacob G., born in January, 1875, during his early manhood spent four years in the State of Illinois and the Dakotas, but in 1899 returned to Lancaster county and assists his father in the management of the home farm. Annie L., born in August, 1876, married Frank Beane, of Lancaster county, a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and has had two children,—George and Paul. Harry M., born in January, 1878, is single and resides in Sterling, Ill.; and Samuel B., born in September, 1879, is also a resident of Illinois.

Politically Mr. Lefever, of this sketch, has always been identified with the Republican party, but has refused every official position except that connected with the board of Education, for five years being a very efficient member. The religious connection of the family is with the Baptist Church, in which he and his wife are held in the highest esteem, attending and supporting the church in Cole-rain township.

Mr. Lefever is a very prominent member of the Bireley Post, No. 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, and he was a delegate to the Gettysburg Encampment of June, 1901. It is most interesting and edifying to trace the successful career of such a man, and to note the sure rewards that come to repay honesty, industry and close and unremitting attention to

duty. Mr. Lefever started out in life with limited means and left his early opportunities in order to serve his country, but he has reared a large family in comfort, educating them so that they in turn have become worthy and respected citizens; and he still stands before his old friends of a life-time as one of the straightforward, honest and upright members of the community, whose life has been estimable in every particular. His charities have been many, and there are few of his neighbors who have not received some mark of kindness at his hands. Duty has been with him a watchword, whether on the field of battle or in the quieter walks of life.

CHARLES HAYS, one of the leading and influential citizens of White Rock, Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Jan. 16, 1830, a son of John and Margaret (Clendenin) Hays, of Little Britain township.

John Hays was born in Ireland, and was brought to America when six years of age, by his parents, John and Catherine Hays, and the family settled in Little Britain township one hundred years ago. John Hays, Jr., father of Charles Hays, had two brothers, William and Charles. The marriage of John Hays Jr., occurred in 1814, and nine children were the result of this union Catherine, born June 10 1815; Mary, Sept. 21, 1817; William, Jan. 2, 1820; John, Feb. 28, 1822; Wallace, June 2, 1824; Jenima, June 12, 1827; Charles, Jan. 16, 1830; James, July 27, 1832; Margaret, Feb. 22, 1836, all of whom are now deceased, except Charles, and Margaret, now of Britain township. John Hays Jr., the father of this family, was one of the leaders in the Democratic party, and an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church.

The early life of Mr. Hays was spent upon his father's farm and he received his education in the district schools, with one year at Lebanon Academy. Starting out as a poor boy, he gradually worked his way up the ladder of fortune and is now the owner of a fine farm of 135 acres, upon which is a comfortable frame residence and all necessary buildings. After an active life, Mr. Hays in now retired and is enjoying a well earned rest.

On Dec. 3, 1874, Mr. Hays married Miss Lavinia Pennell, of Britain township, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Brown) Pennell, of Britain township, who are numbered among the leading settlers of this locality (see sketch of John J. Pennell elsewhere). Mrs. Hays was one in a family of nine children: Elizabeth, now the widow of John P. Hays, of Oxford, Pa.; Mary Ann, widow of James Patterson, of Illinois; William, a retired farmer of Little Britain township; Rebecca, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Lavinia; John J., a thrifty farmer of Little Britain township (see his sketch elsewhere); Amanda and James, deceased. The grandparents of Mrs. Hays, William and Elizabeth Pennell, came from Delaware county, Pa., to this township about 1775.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs.



Hays; Katharine Elizabeth, Mary C. and John C. Katharine Elizabeth and Mary C. were graduated from the Westchester Normal and are successful teachers in Lancaster county. John C., the youngest in the family, in charge of the home farm, received his education in the West Nottingham Academy of Maryland.

In politics, Mr. Hays is a staunch Democrat, and faithfully served his constituents as school director for many years. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Lodge No. 353 of Oxford, Pa., and he and his family are members of the Union Presbyterian Church of Colerain township. The unqualified success which has attended his efforts is due to his ability, thrift and untiring industry, for he never neglected an opportunity to advance his own interests, when such an opportunity was an honorable one; while his upright manner of doing business, has gained for him the respect of his neighbors, as well as of all with whom he had dealings.

JOSEPH WACKER, a retired citizen of Lancaster, has been a resident of that city for half a century, and no man stands higher in the estimation of his fellow men, either for personal character or for business integrity. He is a native of Germany, born Dec. 23, 1830, in Wurtemberg, where his parents, Michael and Mary Wacker, were also born, and where they passed their entire lives. The father and mother both died in 1874. Michael Wacker was a farmer, and followed that occupation throughout life. Besides Joseph but one of the family survives, Joanna, Mrs. Ountrup, of Philadelphia.

Joseph Wacker received a good education in his native land, attending the public schools until he was fourteen years old, after which he served an apprenticeship to the baker's trade, which he learned thoroughly. He followed his trade as a journeyman in Germany until 1849, on Aug. 14th of that year embarking for the United States. On the day after his arrival in New York he obtained work at his trade, but about six months afterward he was taken sick, and was advised by his physician to give up the baking business. He proceeded to Philadelphia, but not finding suitable employment, determined to journey to Lancaster, and he walked all the way, covering the entire distance, sixty-eight miles, in one day. (Though a perfect stranger in the city, he immediately commenced the search for employment, and was fortunate enough to find work within a few days, engaging with Jacob Bossler, who conducted a farm about four miles from town. After two years in this employ he changed to the Flinn farm, where he remained one year, and the next summer he worked in a brickyard. In the winter of 1852 he was employed in Whitlinger's brewery, in Lancaster, where he remained two years, and the following year he was in the Springer bottling works. He and a Mr. Kiehl then purchased this business, which they conducted in partnership for

ten years, under the firm name of Kiehl & Wacker. At the expiration of this period Mr. Wacker disposed of his interest to his partner and bought the Whitlinger brewery, situated on West King street, which he sold, however, a year later. After living retired for a year, Mr. Wacker began the brewery business on West King street again, and continued there for two years, when he exchanged his house and brewery on West King street for the "County Hotel," which he conducted two years. He then purchased the Eagle brewery from Jacob Sprenger, and carried on the business until 1880, in which year he turned it over to his sons Charles and Joseph, who are still running it. Mr. Wacker has since lived retired, enjoying the rest he so well deserves and the competence he won by persistent and well-directed energy during his active years.

On April 22, 1855, in Lancaster, Mr. Wacker was married to Mary Dettlinger, also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and six children have blessed their union, viz.: Charles V., Joseph, Frank, Anthony, William and Mary. The family are Catholics, and Mr. Wacker and his wife attend St. Joseph's Church.

DAVID E. MAYER. The Mayer family in Lancaster county, Pa., to which David E. Mayer belonged, was established many years ago, by grandfather Christian Mayer, an honest, industrious blacksmith, who followed his trade through life, and amassed a competency for old age. He married one of the modest young maidens of the Reformed Mennonite faith, Mary Miller, by name, belonging to a family of substance in the neighborhood, and they reared a family of seven children: Isaac, the father of David E.; Jacob; John; David; Nathaniel; Leah, who married Abraham Herr; Hettie, who married John Hildebrand.

Isaac Mayer was born in West Lampeter township and learned the tanning business, but this vocation seemed injurious to his health and he later began farming, becoming a prominent man in the neighborhood, and serving many years on the school board. He married Mary Hoover, a daughter of David Hoover, of Strasburg township, and three children were born to them: David E.; Isaac H., a physician of Willowstreet; and Christian, the eldest, who died in infancy. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church.

David E. Mayer was born in West Lampeter township, Aug. 4, 1838, a son of Isaac and Mary (Hoover) Mayer, was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools, in which he ever after took a deep interest. David remained at home with his parents until the death of his father, in 1871, when it became more than ever necessary for him to stay and he took charge at this time of the homestead and his mother's affairs, engaging extensively in farming, and also in trucking, the proximity to large cities making this a very remunerative line of agriculture.





Intelligent from his youth, and fond of reading and of mingling with his fellow-citizens, David E. Mayer early became recognized as somewhat of a leader in the public affairs of his locality. A pronounced Republican, he also became the representative of the party in many ways. After serving efficiently on the election board, he was made supervisor and faithfully performed the duties of that office for seven years and was then made a member of the school board, which he as conscientiously served for the long term of eighteen years. In March, 1894, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of county commissioners, this honor coming to him unsolicited; at the expiration of the term he was elected to the position, being subsequently re-elected, and in this position he continued to manage the affairs of Lancaster county with economy and good judgment until his death.

David E. Mayer married April 29, 1897, Mary A. Shaub, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Wade) Shaub, a most estimable lady, and a member of the M. E. Church. In 1900 their comfortable residence was refitted and is one of the most desirable modern homes in Strasburg. David E. Mayer was one of the representative citizens and possessed in a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He died Sept. 12, 1901, and was laid to rest with his people in the Old Mennonite cemetery at the church west of Strasburg.

ELI B. POWL, one of the prosperous citizens of Lancaster, where he is engaged in the livery business, was born near Neffsville, April 2, 1854, a son of Isaac and Barbara (Buckwalter) Powl, both natives of Lancaster county.

Isaac Powl was a farmer by occupation in early life, but in 1864 he moved to Lancaster, and there at first operated a hotel. While he was successful in his new work, it did not prove congenial to his tastes and he sold out, and engaged in the livery business, beginning on a small scale and gradually increasing until he was the proprietor of one of the best stables in the county. In 1866 he built the stable and located where his son is now engaged. He continued to take an active part in business until October, 1884, when he sold out to his son, and retired. His death occurred in April, 1885. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a Mennonite. His wife, Barbara (Buckwalter) was the daughter of a farmer, and previous to her marriage with Mr. Powl, had been married to Mr. Leman. By her last marriage she became the mother of two children, of whom Eli B. is the elder.

Eli B. Powl was reared and educated in Lancaster. Always a companion and associate of his father, he gradually grew into the business, and when his father began to step aside he assumed full control, practically being manager for the last ten years of the latter's life. His livery stable is 60x96 feet in size and three stories high, and is provided

with an electric elevator. It is located at No. 14 East Walnut street, and his residence is next door. Everything about his establishment is first-class, and he is able to supply at least thirty handsome rigs, fifteen hacks and three hearses—a most creditable showing.

In August, 1878, Mr. Powl was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Henry, who was born in Lancaster, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Henry. Two children have come to brighten their home, Isaac Benjamin and Theodore Franklin. Socially Mr. Powl belongs to the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Herschel Lodge, and he also belongs to the Knights of Malta. He and his family belong to the M. E. church. In his political views he follows in the footsteps of his father, and is an earnest worker in the ranks of the Republican party.

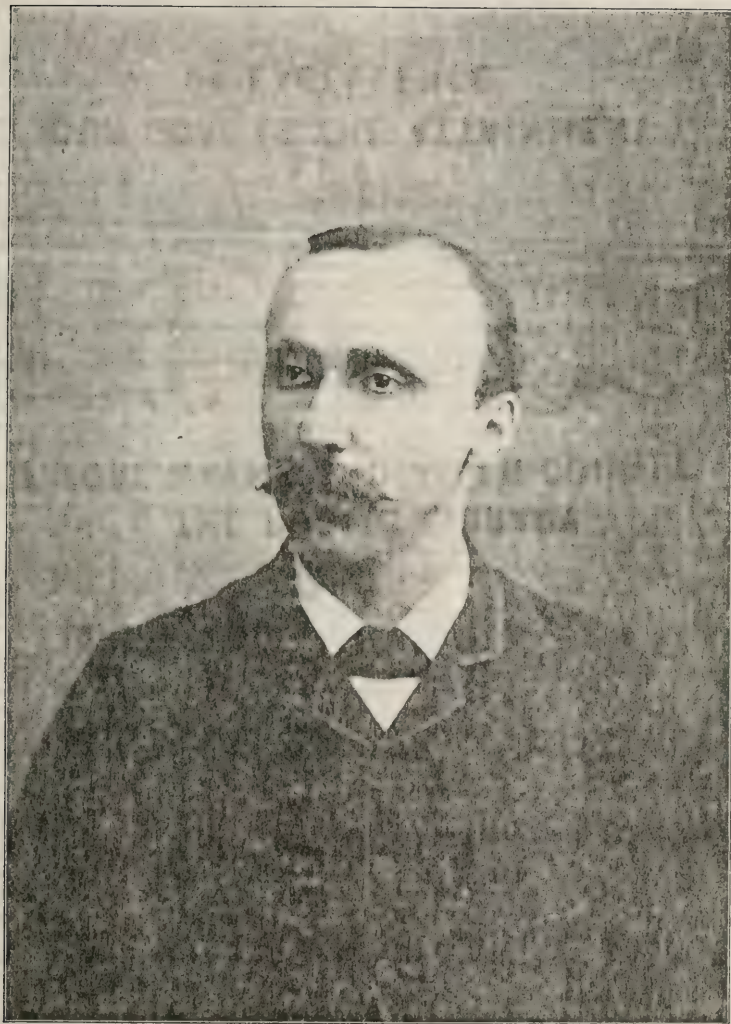
JOHN N. EBY, a retired farmer of Leacock township, was born Oct. 7, 1841, on the old Eby homestead, which was acquired from Jeremiah Job in 1767.

The Eby family has a history in Lancaster county that begins with the coming of Theodorus Eby from Switzerland, in 1715, and his settlement in Earl township, Lancaster county, where he built a mill on Mill Creek, and engaged in the milling and farming business the rest of his life. Theodorus Eby was the great-great-great-grandfather of John N., whose name appears above. Jacob Eby was his son, and Abraham Eby, his son, was the great-grandfather of John N. Eby. Abraham Eby was born in 1735 and died Jan. 8, 1815. John Eby, the grandfather of John N., was born Sept. 7, 1758, and died Nov. 2, 1842. He married Fannie Bare, who was born in Upper Leacock township, and died in April, 1842, at the age of eighty years, lacking nine days. They were the parents of Abraham, Catharine, Barbara, Elizabeth, Mary and John, the father of John N. All the progenitors of John N. were buried in the private cemetery on the Eby homestead, with the exception of Theodorus and Jacob. John N. Eby is planning to erect a monument in the Eby cemetery, a memorial stone weighing about eight tons, and having cut on it the Eby descent from Theodorus down to the present day.

John Eby, the father of John N., was born Dec. 20, 1800, in Upper Leacock township; he married Elizabeth Neff, who was born in East Lampeter township, Dec. 24, 1815, and died Feb. 15, 1894. His death occurred Jan. 27, 1864. Born to this union were the following: Reuben N., who married Louisa Wenger, had a family of six children and died in 1831; John N.; Aaron N., a retired farmer of Berleville, now residing in Lancaster, and married to Elmina Graybill, by whom he has had three children.

The maternal grandparents of John N. Eby were Martin and Leah (Eby) Neff, farming people of Soudersburg, Pennsylvania.





*Eli B. Powl*





John N. Eby was married in Leacock township, June 2, 1898, to Miss Clara F. Sanders, and one child, Jay Victor, has come to bless their union.

Mrs. Clara F. (Sanders) Eby was born in Slackwater, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Julius and Catherine (Smith) Sanders. Her father was born in Saxony, Germany, and her mother in Lancaster county. He came to this country at the age of eighteen years, and served three years in the Union Army during the war of the Rebellion. His trade was that of a cabinet maker, and he became very expert in the making of organs and in other labors requiring mechanical skill of a high order. When he died, May 1, 1897, he was sixty-two years old. His widow, who is living in Lancaster, Pa., has had the following children: William, who is a resident of Lancaster, Pa.; Morris, who lives in Cochranville, Pa.; Elizabeth, who lives at Kissel Hill, Pa., married to Samuel Dubbs; Clara, Mrs. Eby; Lula, living in Philadelphia; Bertha, living at Kissel Hill; Walter, deceased.

John N. Eby remained with his parents as long as they lived, and then moved to the farm which he occupied until recently. In March, 1902, he removed to the city of Lancaster, where he now resides. In political matters he is a Republican, and is known as a very intelligent and widely informed citizen.

**BORDLEY S. PATTERSON.** Among the honorable and well-esteemed citizens of Little Britain township is Bordley S. Patterson, who was born on the farm he now occupies, near White Rock, in Lancaster county, Sept. 24, 1834.

The Patterson family is one of the oldest and most respected of Lancaster county. The founder of the family in this State was James Patterson, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1708, and immigrated to America in 1728. Coming to the State of Pennsylvania, he bought large tracts of land from the Government, and settled down in Little Britain township; later he went to New York to meet his affianced bride from Ireland, Mary Montgomery, whom he brought back with him to Pennsylvania. He reared a family of ten children, William, John, Hannah, Mary, Samuel, Jane, Isabella, James, Elizabeth and Thomas.

James Patterson (2), son of James, and the grandfather of Bordley S. Patterson, was born in Little Britain township, Nov. 4, 1745. He married Letitia Gardner, and they had these children, Isabella, Francina, Robert, Marv, Elizabeth, Jane, James, Letitia and Rachel, all of whom have passed to another life.

Robert Patterson, son of James (2), and the father of Bordley S., was born March 21, 1787, and died March 31, 1861. He was first married to a Miss Ewing, and the four children born to this marriage were James, Gardner, Mary and Eliza. The second wife of Robert Patterson was Sarah Shippen, and three children were born to this union:

Bordley S.; Francis, deceased; and Edward B., a prosperous merchant in Oxford, Pa., lately removed to Philadelphia. During life Robert Patterson was not only a large landowner and prosperous farmer but he was also a prominent citizen and a leader in the Democratic party. Since early days the family has been connected with the Presbyterian Church.

Bordley S. Patterson was born on the farm he now occupies, Sept. 24, 1834, a son of the late Robert and Sarah (Shippen) Patterson. This old farm has been his home through life, and he still occupies the old stone mansion which was erected by his grandfather in 1806. So few of these old homes remain, in these days of change and mutation, that the old Patterson homestead has become an object of historic interest, and it is highly valued by its owners and occupants.

In the public schools of his locality Mr. Patterson obtained his early education, going later to the Lititz and Mt. Joy academies. He began an agricultural life, which he has carried on with success. His farm of 135 acres in Little Britain township, near White Rock, is one of the best cultivated and improved in this locality, his elegant and commodious residence, great barns and attractive surroundings making it an ideal country home. Mr. Patterson is also the owner of a one-half interest in a fine estate, comprising 140 acres in Colerain township, which is as well managed and as productive as the home farm.

On Oct. 6, 1862, was celebrated the marriage of Bordley S. Patterson and Miss Emma M. Worth, of Chester county, Pa. She was born in 1841, a daughter of Samuel A. and Hester (Hoops) Worth, both of whom were of English origin. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Robert L., who was born in 1864, married Elizabeth Colter, and is in business in Oxford, Pa.; Fred W., born in 1867, who married Miss Cora Welch, of St. Paul, Minn., and is engaged in the tea and coffee business in the above named city; and Eliza Shippen, born in 1874, the wife of Hugh A. Foresman, a publisher in Chicago, Illinois. In public, religious and social life Mr. Patterson is a leading citizen of Little Britain township. His devotion to the Jeffersonian principles of the Democratic party has been life-long and he has been active in its councils. For seven years Mr. Patterson was the efficient township auditor, and he has served with satisfaction to all as judge and inspector of elections, and has not only been selected to serve several times on the grand jury of Lancaster county, of which he has been foreman, but also on the United States jury, his reputation as a most honorable and high-minded man making him desirable in responsible positions. In 1884 Mr. Patterson was elected a director of the Northern Mutual Insurance Company, and since 1893 has been treasurer of the company.

Mr. Patterson is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Colerain township, serving faithfully as trustee of that institution. A man with the high-



est standards of integrity, charitable, generous and public-spirited, Bordley S. Patterson is a representative man of this part of Lancaster county.

DANIEL DENLINGER was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, May 21, 1817, and died July 19, 1886. His remains are resting in the cemetery connected with Hershey's Meeting House in Salisbury township. He was a son of Elder Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Denlinger. The father was a miller, and was an elder in the Strasburg Mennonite Church.

To Elder and Mrs. Denlinger were born the following children: John; Jacob; Barbara, who was twice married, first to Michael Sensenig, and then to David Eshleman; Henry K.; Daniel; Abram,—all of the foregoing being dead; Isaac, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township.

Daniel Denlinger was married Nov. 5, 1840, in Lancaster, Pa., to Margaret Hershey, by whom he had the following family: Abram H., who married Mary C. Keneagy and is a retired farmer in Paradise township, with a family of eight children; Anna, the widow of John Ranck, having her home in Paradise township, where she has one son; Jacob, who died in infancy; Mary, married to Jonas Eby, in the creamery and tobacco business at Gap, Pa., and the mother of eleven children; Esther, married to John Eshleman, a retired farmer of Salisbury township, and the mother of ten children; Elizabeth, of Paradise township, wife of Amaziah Brackbill, and mother of seven children; Daniel, married first to Anna Mary Kreider, by whom he had two children, and second to Fannie Landis, by whom he had five; Margaret, wife of Adam Kreider, a farmer of Leacock township, to whom she bore eleven children, six of whom are now living.

Mrs. Margaret Denlinger was born in Salisbury township, Jan. 17, 1824, and was a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Eby) Hershey. Her father, who was a farmer, died Jan. 9, 1844, lacking but fifteen days of being fifty-seven years old; his widow survived many years, passing away Feb. 29, 1896, at the age of ninety-five years, two months and fourteen days. They were both buried in Hershey's burying ground in Salisbury township. They were members of the Mennonite Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hershey were the parents of Margaret and Peter, a retired farmer of Leacock township. By a previous marriage with Maria Secrist, Mr. Hershey had the following children: Jacob S., deceased; Fronica, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Denlinger were Jacob and Anna Hershey. Jacob Hershey, who was the son of Andrew Hershey, was born in Lancaster county. Andrew Hershey was the son of Andrew Hershey, who came from Switzerland in 1709.

Daniel Denlinger remained at home with his brother Henry until his marriage, when he began farming in Salisbury township, where he was en-

gaged in the cultivation of the soil until 1869, when he removed to the farm on which the remaining years of his active life were passed. Four years before his death he removed to the home in which his family are living at the present time.

Mr. Denlinger was a man of character and standing in the community in which he spent his honorable and useful life. His widow, who is still living, bears up wonderfully well under the pressure of years, and is still alert and active.

SAMUEL HARNER. There are few residents of Martic township more highly esteemed throughout its extent than Samuel Harner, a member of one of the old and well-known families of Lancaster county. Samuel Harner is now a citizen of Bethesda, Pa., but he was born in Montgomery county, Sept. 7, 1826. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, his grandfather being John Harner, who for many years conducted a blacksmith business in Montgomery county, and was the father of nine children, all of these having passed out of life, John, Joseph, Jacob, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ann and Susan.

Joseph Harner, the son of John and the father of Samuel, was born in 1790 in Montgomery county, and in early life he was a merchant there. After removing to Lancaster county he was engaged in farming and lime burning. His death was at the age of eighty-eight years. In 1820 he was united in marriage to Mary Slingluff, and their seven children were: John S., of Martic township; George, deceased; Samuel; Mary, the wife of Thomas Cully, of Martic township; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of J. Harrison Long, of Drumore township; Joseph, of Martic township; and Jesse, a retired farmer of Drumore, more extended mention of these prominent citizens of Lancaster county being found elsewhere.

Like many another young man, Samuel Harner began life with limited means, but the application of energy and industry has brought a sure result. In advanced years he finds himself surrounded by all of the comforts of life, and capable of enjoying the same, surrounded by affectionate relatives and sincere friends. He was married on Jan. 7, 1868, to Miss Amanda McLaughlin, who was born Dec. 30, 1849, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Marron) McLaughlin; to this union, on Jan. 17, 1869, was born one son,—George E., who on Oct. 1, 1895, married Miss Emma Harner, the adopted daughter of Joseph Harner, of Martic township. Three children have been born to this marriage, Florence, Virgil and Samuel J. Harner, Jr. Mrs. Amanda Harner died April 5, 1902.

The valuable farm in this township owned by Mr. Harner comprises 112 acres of well cultivated land, upon which he has placed most excellent improvements. In his political belief Mr. Harner has been a life-long Democrat, actively supporting the candidates and measures of Democracy. Although





not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Harner is reverent in his feelings and liberally contributes to the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife belonged. The family is one which is held in high regard in this township as representing the best class of honest and honorable citizens.

**SAMUEL J. BEARD**, one of the prominent farmers of Penn township, belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania for several generations. Grandfather Robert Beard came to America from Ireland, and resided for a short time in Chester county, in this State, moving then into Lancaster county, where he resided until his death. By trade he was a charcoal burner and this was his occupation during life. Five children were born to him and his wife: Joseph, who moved to York county and died there; Robert, who became a farmer in Dauphin county; James, the father of Samuel J.; John, who is a farmer in Lebanon county; and Margaret, who married John Crawford.

James Beard, the father of Samuel J., was born in Lancaster county, about 1795. In early life he followed the business of charcoal burning, but later purchased the farm where Samuel J. now resides, and turned his attention to agriculture until his death, in 1847. James Beard married Miss Ellen Jones, and they had nine children born to them: Martha, deceased wife of Henry Meixell; Mary, the widow of Jacob Krall; Robert, a farmer of Penn township; James, deceased, who lived in Reading; Margaret, unmarried; Catherine, the wife of David Brosey; Eliza, the widow of Isaac Weachter; Ellen, the widow of Abram Kauffman; Samuel J., the youngest of the family.

Samuel J. Beard was born in Penn township April 11, 1835, and was left fatherless at the age of twelve years. Until he was twenty-seven years of age he remained with his mother, a kind and dutiful son. Mr. Beard received an excellent public school education, which was supplemented by one term in the Normal school, in Millersville. Possessing a quick intelligence and a love of study, he soon was qualified for teaching, and took charge of his first school before he was twenty-one years old. For twelve years he acceptably followed this profession. In 1866, at the death of his beloved mother, to whom he had shown every care, he purchased the old homestead and since that time has given his attention to farming, demonstrating that he is as good a farmer as teacher.

In politics Mr. Beard is a staunch Democrat, and has taken a very active interest in the party councils in this locality. For fifteen years he served as justice of the peace, for five years he was assessor, for the same time tax collector, and he served one term as school director.

The marriage of Mr. Beard was to Miss Margaret Keath, and to this union was born a family of seven children: Mary, the widow of Harry Dichm; Lizzie, the wife of Jacob Moyer; Maggie, the wife

of Horace Biemesderfer; Frank, a farmer of Mechanicsville; John, a farmer at Erbsdale; Charles, a miller, near Mount Hope; and Howard, a teacher of West Park, in Penn township.

Mr. Beard has spent a long and useful life in this locality, is well known and most highly esteemed. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, one of the elders and one of its most liberal supporters. Mr. Beard may be justly called a representative man of Penn township.

**JACOB CHARLES**, one of the more prominent farmers of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, in the same county, Dec. 15, 1841, and is a son of Christ and Nancy (Funk) Charles, both natives of Manor township, where the father, who was born June 2, 1812, is still living. The mother, who died in June, 1860, and was laid to rest in the Charles family burying ground in Manor township, was, with her husband, a member of the Mennonite Church. The following children were born to them: Nancy, deceased wife of Abraham Bankholder; Jacob; John, a farmer and one of the directors of the Mountville National Bank; Joseph, a farmer in East Donegal township; Christian, a farmer in Rapho township; Abraham, at home with his parents; Hettie, married to Martin Breneman, a farmer of Manor township; Anna, unmarried and living at home; Mary, who married Christ. Frank, and is dead. After the death of Mrs. Nancy Charles, at Forrey, in 1860, Mr. Charles was married a second time, Miss Elizabeth Witmer becoming his wife. She died in 1893. John Charles, the paternal grandfather of Jacob, married a Miss Habacker and spent his entire life in his native township, Manor.

Jacob Charles has been twice married, the first time Sept. 8, 1867, in Lancaster, when Miss Elvina S. Harnish became his wife. She was the mother of two children: Fanny H., who died young; and Christ H., who married Mary Lip, and is a farmer in Conoy township. Mrs. Elvina S. Charles was born in Manor township in 1849, and died Jan. 21, 1872. She was a daughter of Michael and Anna (Schenck) Harnish, both natives of Lancaster county.

Mr. Charles was married, for the second time, on Nov. 11, 1875, in Lancaster, to Miss Lizzie F. Mease, by whom he has had the following children, all of whom are at home: Amos M., Jacob M. and Lizzie E. Mrs. Lizzie F. Charles was born in Mannheim township Aug. 16, 1842, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Frankford) Mease, farmer people of Lancaster county, where they died, and were buried in Neff's Church cemetery.

Mr. Charles remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he engaged in the tillage of a small farm in Manor township. In March, 1878, he located on his present home, a fine farm of one hundred and nineteen acres, a magnificent property, with fine river frontage. He also owns an island farm across from his home,



where he has forty acres of rich tillable land, and a farm of sixty-one acres in another part of Conoy township.

Mr. Charles is an honorable and upright man, whose long and useful life is a story of unwearied industry and straightforward and manly dealings. In politics he is a Democrat, and in his religion a member of the Mennonite Church. His peaceful and industrious life, his kindly heart and generous spirit have in no way put to shame his religious faith and profession.

GEORGE DILLER SPRECHER, whose commodious dwelling at No. 213 East King street is one of the finest and most substantial in all Lancaster, is a lineal descendant of two of the oldest families in Lancaster county.

On his mother's side—the Dillers—the family is traced to Casper Diller (Deelor, as he wrote it), who fled from Alsace to Holland, going from there to England, where he married a lady of English birth and then came to America, landing in this country in the early days of the Penns, from whom he secured a grant for 500 acres of land. He lived to be 100 years old. Isaac Diller, descended from Casper Diller, was the grandfather of George D. Sprecher, and the latter's grandmother, Susanna Roland, was a daughter of Jonathan Roland, who served in the Revolutionary war. Through the Diller connection Mr. Sprecher was related to George Washington, and the family tree is as distinguished as it is large.

On the paternal side Mr. Sprecher can claim a lineage as ancient as that of the Dillers. On Oct. 17, 1732, Christopher Sprecher and Hans George Sprecher (brothers, and the latter the great-grandfather of our subject) came to America on board the ship "Pink." On Oct. 17, 1751, Jacob Sprecher, of Rotterdam, came to America on the ship "Jeanette;" with him came another Hans George Sprecher. On Oct. 11, 1752, Johann Peter Sprecher came to America, and on Oct. 18, 1752, Jacob Adam Sprecher arrived in the United States on the ship "Peggy." The Hans Sprecher who came to this country in 1751 settled in New York, and the first two Speechers who came to America settled in Leligh county. Hans George Sprecher, the first to come, had a son Philip, who settled in East Earl township, and was the ancestor of George D. Sprecher. One of Philip's sons went to Virginia, where he settled and reared a family, one of his sons being Prof. Sprecher, of California, who has three sons who are clergymen. George D. Sprecher's father was an extensive cattle dealer and hotel-keeper, and for a time was a farmer. Mr. Sprecher's (George D.'s) mother was a great-granddaughter of Col. John Huber, a veteran of the Revolution, her father having been Isaac Diller, a prominent farmer of eastern Lancaster county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher, only three of whom are living: George D., Will-

iam D. and Catherine, the latter the widow of the late John Reigart, all of Lancaster.

George D. Sprecher was born Feb. 12, 1821, in Earl township, where his father was engaged at farming. Receiving a partial education in the public schools, young Sprecher came to Lancaster at the age of eleven years, and entered the hardware store of Gen. Diller, a relative of Mr. Sprecher's mother, and who was the founder of Dillerville, this county. This was in 1832. From Gen. Diller's store young Sprecher entered the employ of Henry W. Gundaker, and eight years later went to the late A. W. Russel. In 1844 he became part owner, and later sole owner, of a store. In 1854 Mr. Sprecher tore down the old A. W. Russel hardware building, on North Queen street, and erected the large and elegant building now occupied by Reilly Brothers & Raub. He was continuously in the hardware trade from 1832 to 1860, engaged in the skating business in 1854, keeping it up—with the hardware business—until 1860, and from the latter date continuing exclusively at skating until 1888, when he retired from active business.

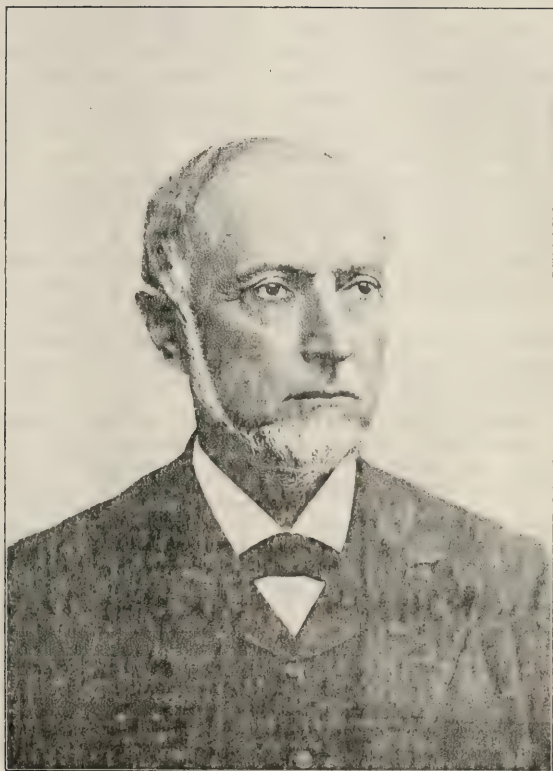
Mr. Sprecher has been the builder and owner of scores of houses in Lancaster, having built the handsome home he now lives in, in 1847, and building an addition to it in 1850. He is the owner of four large tobacco warehouses, two extensive mercantile properties on East King street, and other properties. Great, indeed, have been the material improvements he has made to Lancaster, and these, with the record of his long life of integrity, will prove enduring monuments.

Mr. Sprecher married Miss Caroline Beates, daughter of the now sainted Rev. William Beates, who was for so many years pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, this city, and who, emulating the Divine Master, refused to accept the slightest compensation for his labors. He had a nominal salary of \$300 per annum, and, after receiving it, annually, from his parishioners, turned it over for the payment of the church debt. This remarkable man died May 16, 1867, at the age of ninety-one years, while administering the Holy Communion to his family.

Eight children were born of the union of George D. Sprecher and Caroline Beates, and all save three of these children, as well as the mother, have entered into rest. The survivors are Laura, wife of Henry S. Franklin, of the Steinman Hardware Company; and Misses Emily B. and Anna M., at home. Mr. Sprecher is wonderfully preserved, mentally and physically, for one of his years, and he is as active as most men of fifty, although within a few days of eighty-one years at the time this sketch was written, January, 1902. He is a trustee of Trinity Lutheran Church, and has been for fifty-two years; and he is president of the board of trustees of the Home for Friendless Children, and president of the board of trustees of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Board; and no man gives these positions







*George D. Spenser*



of honor and trust more intelligent or more painstaking attention than does Mr. Sprecher. His has indeed been a remarkable career, and his life is one that may well be emulated by the rising generation.

**JACOB MUSSELMAN.** A prominent and highly esteemed farmer of Lancaster county is found in Jacob Musselman, now living somewhat retired on a farm which has been his home since 1898. The birth of Mr. Musselman was in Earl township July 5, 1831, and he was a son of Samuel and Magdalena (Nolt) Musselman, a leading farming family of Earl township. Samuel Musselman was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life and died on his old homestead, after five years of retirement, in 1862, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a son of Christian Musselman, who was also a farmer of Earl township, and the family in its sixth generation now occupies the old farm, it being the property of Jacob Musselman and operated by his two capable sons. The old family home was erected in 1792 and has been the scene of the births, marriages and deaths of the family for over a century, still remaining in a good state of preservation, while those who fashioned it have long since crumbled into dust.

Magdalena (Nolt) Musselman, the beloved mother of our subject, passed out of life in 1842, at the early age of thirty-eight years. She was a daughter of Jonas Nolt, of West Earl township. She was buried in Groffdale cemetery, both she and her husband having been most worthy members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to them were: Anna, who died young; Christian, who was killed on the railroad in 1808, at the age of seventy-two years; Jonas, who died in 1863; Jacob; Henry, who died in 1888; and Mattie, of West Earl township, who married Michael E. Wenger.

The education of Jacob Musselman was acquired in the district schools of his neighborhood and he grew up on his father's farm, remaining at home until the death of both parents, when he took charge of the old place and continued to cultivate and improve it until 1868, when he retired from activity, in favor of his two sons, whom he had taught to be excellent farmers and good managers, like himself.

Mr. Musselman was united in marriage on Jan. 12, 1858, in West Earl township, to Miss Mary Stoner. This estimable lady was born in West Earl township Sept. 15, 1831, and she was a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Huber) Stoner, the former of whom was a native of Colerain and the latter of Warwick township. The father died in West Earl in 1869, at the age of seventy-three years, the mother having preceded him, in 1853, at the age of sixty years. They were buried in Metzler's meeting house cemetery, in West Earl township, and both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church. The grandparents of Mrs. Musselman were among the leading citizens of the county, Henry and Margaret Stoner and Abraham Huber. The

brothers and sisters of Mrs. Musselman were: Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Musselman; Jacob, who died young; Catherine, deceased, who first married Joseph Nolt, and second, Martin Rohrer; Henry, deceased; Samuel, a farmer of Ephrata township; Barbara, deceased, who married Elias Miller; Susannah, deceased, who married Daniel Burkholder; Abraham, a retired farmer of Ephrata township; and Isaac, also a retired farmer of the same township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Musselman made up a family of nine, as follows: Magdalena, who married Samuel O. Martin, a farmer of Earl township, and has ten children; Anna, who married John C. Nolt, a farmer of Earl township, and has a family of nine children; Jacob, of Lancaster, an invalid; Mary and Henry, who died young; Amanda, who is a talented lady and a teacher in the Mennonite Mission school, in Philadelphia; Eli, who resides on the old homestead, married Anna Berghart and has three children; Amos, who married Laura Good, resides on a part of the old homestead and has two children; and Katie, who married Elmer E. Meyers, of Earl township, and is the mother of three children.

For many years Mr. Musselman has been a resident of West Earl township and is well known to almost every citizen; among these old acquaintances he is ranked as a man of strict integrity, a man whose word is as good as his bond, and as one who well represents the good citizen. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church.

**SAMUEL WARFEL** was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., Feb. 7, 1822. He was educated in the common schools of the county, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then branched out in life for himself and followed the canal between Lancaster and Philadelphia for a number of years. Since leaving the canal he has been engaged in various lines of occupation.

Adam Warfel, father of Samuel, born in Conestoga township in 1800, was drowned there in 1869. He married Miss Sarah Graver, of Ephrata. This couple were the parents of ten children, one of whom died in infancy: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Crossman; Samuel; Polly, wife of Reuben Brady, of Conestoga; Delila, wife of John Fry, of Manor township; Levi, of Conestoga township; Eurias, of Conestoga township; Catherine, never married; Annie, who died in childhood; and Annie, deceased. The father of Adam Warfel was also named Adam and was born and reared in Conestoga township.

Samuel Warfel married Barbara, daughter of Martin Good, of Conestoga township. They have had seven children, as follows: Sarah, who died in infancy; Lizzie, who died in childhood; Delila, wife of Fred. Shoff, of Colemansville; Lidia A., wife of Aaron Elmore; Leah, wife of Christian Shoff; An-





nie, who is the widow of John Stauffer; and William, who died in childhood. Mr. Warfel is a member of the Old Mennonite Church and takes a great interest in church work. He is still active and vigorous and doubtless has many days yet to live. He is universally respected by his friends and neighbors.

**JEREMIAH SELDOMBRIDGE**, a retired farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he is spending the closing years of a long and useful life, was born in Salisbury township, this county, Jan. 4, 1827, son of Isaac and Rachel (Glauser) Seldomridge. His parents were born in Leacock and East Earl townships, respectively, and both died in Earl township.

Isaac Seldomridge was a farmer and an industrious man, but for fifteen years prior to his death he lived retired. He passed away in 1884, at the age of eighty-four, and his wife died in 1878, when seventy-six years old. Both were buried in Roland's cemetery, in Earl township. They were members of the Lutheran Church. The following named children were born to them: George, who died when about sixty-six years old; Jeremiah, mentioned below; Elizabeth, the widow of Amos Skiles, of Springville, Lancaster county; Isaac, who died at the age of fifty-eight; Catherine, the wife of Peter Dague, of Earl township; Jacob, a farmer of Earl township; Benjamin, a saddler living in Upper Leacock township; Rachel, deceased wife of Isaac Brubaker; Mary Ann, the wife of Jonathan Hilderbrand, of Manheim township; Andrew, deceased; Amos, a retired farmer of Earl township.

George Seldomridge, the grandfather of Jeremiah, was born in Lancaster county, married there and there reared his family. His father was also George. He was a son of George and a grandson of Andrew, who, with his wife, came from Switzerland. The name was originally spelled Zelteneich. This Andrew owned the tract of one and a quarter acres in Earl township now known as Rolands cemetery, which he gave to the church for the nominal sum of five shillings. He was also one of the founders of the church there.

Jeremiah Seldomridge was married in Lancaster Sept. 2, 1852, to Susanna C. Eckert, by whom he has had the following children: Jemimah, deceased wife of John Fenninger, a farmer of Leacock township, by whom she had six children; Eckert G., deceased; Mary Ann, who married George Knobb, of Leacock township, and who has two children.

Mrs. Susanna C. (Eckert) Seldomridge was born in Leacock township Feb. 14, 1828, daughter of Jacob K. and Hannah (Varnes) Eckert, farming people of Leacock township, who are now numbered with the "great majority," he having died in 1864, at the age of sixty-four years, and Mrs. Eckert in 1871, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their ashes rest in Roland's cemetery. During his last years Mr. Eckert lived retired. To them were born the

following children: Evaline, late wife of Josiah Zook; John V., deceased; George, a retired farmer in Lancaster; Susanna C., Mrs. Seldomridge; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Robert Hoar; Rebecca, married to Moses Hess, and now living retired in Perry county, Pa.; Elizabeth, married to Henry Rutter, and now living retired in Intercourse; Henry, deceased; C. Ludwig, in Philadelphia; Jemima, the widow of Henry Horst, living in Lancaster. George and Susan Eckert, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Seldomridge, were farming people of Lancaster county.

Jeremiah Seldomridge remained with his parents on the farm until about the time of his marriage, when he set up for himself on a neighboring farm, in 1851 commencing farming in Upper Leacock township. There he remained until 1864, when he established himself and family on a place in Leacock township, in the cultivation of which he was engaged until 1893. That year he removed to his present home, and he has since lived retired. For nine years he has been school director, and he takes the side of the Republican party in all political questions. For the past thirty-nine years Mr. Seldomridge has been an elder in the Reformed Church, and still holds the office, and his clean and wholesome life, his industrious habits and his kindly disposition have given much strength and force to his religious labors. The family of seven sons, of which he is one, has the remarkable distinction that all are absolutely temperate in all things, not one of them having ever used tobacco, in any form, and all abstaining from intoxicants.

**JOHN S. HARNER**, one of the leading and successful farmer-citizens of Martic township, is a native of Montgomery county, and was born in December, 1823. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, of Montgomery county, Pa., who came to Martic township in 1838, when their son, John, was about fifteen years of age. Joseph Harner had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: John S.; George, deceased; Samuel, of Martic township; Joseph, of Martic township; Mary Ann, the wife of Thomas Cully; Elizabeth, deceased wife of J. Harrison Long, of Drumore; Jesse, a retired farmer of Drumore, all of these having extended mention made in another place.

John S. Harner grew through childhood and until he was fifteen years of age, in the old home in Montgomery county, accompanying his parents to Lancaster county when they removed to this part of the state, in 1838. His education was obtained in the public schools and he early began the agricultural life he has successfully followed ever since. His beginnings were small and he has worked hard, but he has now one of the finest and most valuable farms in this part of the county, well improved and most desirable. It contains 200 acres and shows that Mr. Harner has thoroughly understood his business.



Not only has John S. Harner been a good farmer, but he has faithfully served his township in various official positions, and is widely known as an honest and upright citizen. His political views make him a Democrat, and for many years he has been a leader in the ranks of the Democratic party. In the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church Mr. Harner has for many years been not only a constant attendant, but a liberal supporter and active and useful member, serving a number of years as trustee.

The marriage of John S. Harner was on Feb. 3, 1859, to Miss Lucinda L. Long, of Drumore township, a daughter of James B. and Catherine (Jefferson) Long, one of the old and honorable families of southern Lancaster county. Mrs. Harner was born Jan. 26, 1839, and she was one in a family of nine children, five of these growing to maturity: Margaret, who married Robert Rutter, of Ohio; J. Harrior, a retired farmer of Drumore township; Lucinda; George, deceased; and Robert L., a prominent citizen of Phoenix, Arizona.

A family of three children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harner: Mary C., born in 1860, wife of James Kilgore, of York county, Pa.; J. Wilmer, born in 1865 and married to Belle Wivel, of Drumore township; Charles L., born on April 20, 1872, married to Elizabeth Bayd, of Drumore township, and serving as the competent manager of his father's farm, in Martic township. The family is one well known and most highly esteemed in this locality, being especially noted for those sterling qualities which belong to a community's best citizens.

**JOHN GEIST.** Among the retired farmers of Lancaster county John Geist takes a leading position, being a man of large means and much public spirit. Mr. Geist was born in West Lampeter township Sept. 4, 1829, and he was a son of John and Eliza (Powell) Geist, natives, respectively, of Strasburg and East Lampeter townships. By trade the elder John Geist was a wagon maker, which business he carried on in connection with his farming operations. Some time prior to his death he gave up active work. Father Geist was born July 29, 1804, and died May 21, 1866. His first wife was born March 19, 1809, and died March 9, 1844, both being buried in Mellinger's cemetery. These worthy people had been devoted members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

The children of these parents were: Anna, who died young; Daniel, who died in Ohio and was twice married, the first time to Mary Kreider; John; Mary J., Amos, Barbara, Elizabeth and Emma, who all died young; and Susanna R., who married Henry Rudy. The second marriage of Mr. Geist was to Susanna Burkholder, and to this union one daughter was born, Martha, who married Rev. Abraham Kurtz and died in 1898. The paternal grandparents of John Geist were Philip and Barbara Geist, natives of Baden, Germany, the former of whom came to America at the age of eighteen in order to avoid

service in the German army. Philip Geist was a son of George Geist, a native of Wittenberg, Germany, who came to America in 1763, locating in Strasburg, Lancaster county, where his two brothers, Simon and Leonard, already resided.

John Geist received a good common school education and made his home with his parents until he was about twenty-five years old, although at the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter trade, which kept him from home a part of the time. Later he engaged in farming in East Lampeter township, moving to his present farm in Upper Leacock township, six miles east of Lancaster, in 1875, where he remained actively engaged in general farming until July 14, 1896; then he removed to his present residence on the same farm, while his son took the old home and relieved his father of the work. This is one of the fine farms in this part of Lancaster county, comprising 100 acres of well improved, finely cultivated and productive land.

John Geist was married Nov. 9, 1854, in Lancaster, to Miss Charlotte Harnish, and the children born to this union were: Martin, who died at the age of fourteen years; Lizzie Ann, who married Kinder Bender, of Leacock township, and has a family of eight children; Mary J., who married O. S. Eckert, a farmer of West Earl township, and has four children; Ida A., a young lady, at home; Willis, the farmer on the old homestead, who married Laura Stoner, has two children, and is one of the school directors; Lotta, a young girl at home; Morten, Emma and John, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Charlotte Harnish Geist was born in East Lampeter township Oct. 4, 1832, and was a daughter of Martin and Anna (Weidler) Harnish, the former a farmer of West Lampeter township, where he died in 1840, at the age of thirty-eight years, and the latter a native of Leacock township. The mother survived until she was eighty-two years old, dying in 1876, and she was buried in the private burying grounds on the old farm. Both parents of Mrs. Geist were worthy Christian people, devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Their children were: Benjamin W., who operated a foundry and died in 1890; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Edwin Betzer and died in 1860; Charlotte, the wife of Mr. Geist; and Samuel, a moulder of Lancaster. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Geist was Martin Harnish, a farmer and distiller who became a resident of Ohio, but died while visiting in Lancaster county.

Mr. Geist has been identified with a number of leading business interests of Lancaster county and for ten years has been a director in the Farmer's National Bank of Lancaster. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

**CHRIST S. HOFFMAN.** of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, was born April 22, 1824, in Caernarvon township, that county, son of Christ and





Magdalena (Schmeder) Hoffman, both natives of Lancaster county. The father was a general merchant, and died at Vogansville, Lancaster county, in 1868, when seventy-two years old. His widow passed away the following year, at the age of seventy-five. In his earlier years he was a tailor, then became a farmer, and later followed a mercantile career for many years. Both parents were members of the Reformed Church. They had the following family: Amos, who died in infancy; Christ S.; Sarah, who married Daniel Bushong and (second) Cyrus McQuaid, and is now deceased; Magdalena A., late wife of Ezra Burkholder; Catherine, living in Erie county, Pa., the widow of Graybill Myers; and Herman, an auctioneer at Vogansville.

Christ S. Hoffman was married in Vogansville, in 1852, to Frances Groff, and they became the parents of two children, Mary and Emma. Mary is the wife of A. E. Jacoby, a school teacher, and is living in Elizabethtown; they have two children, Christ H. and Ella F. Emma is unmarried, and is at home. Mrs. Frances (Groff) Hoffman was born in Earl township Feb. 6, 1833, daughter of Mark S. and Nancy (Good) Groff, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father began life as a farmer, but spent the latter part of his active years in the lumber business in Vogansville.

Mr. Hoffman worked on the tailor's bench until he was thirteen years old, under his father. When he was thirteen he began working on a farm, where he remained until seventeen years of age, and then entered a mercantile establishment where he spent ten years. From 1852 to 1872 he followed surveying and conveyancing, at Vogansville, and then moved to Lancaster, continuing the same business. Eleven years later he removed to Elizabethtown, where he continues as conveyancer at this writing. At Vogansville he was justice of the peace for five years. He is a Democrat in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Reformed Church and are prominent and much respected members of the community.

JACOB H. BOMBERGER, who has been in the leaf tobacco business in Warwick for a number of years, comes of an old and always respected family of Lancaster county, his ancestors having settled here early in the eighteenth century.

Mr. Bomberger is a grandson of John Bomberger, who is mentioned elsewhere, and a son of Jacob Bomberger, who was born on the old homestead farm, near Lititz, Oct. 1, 1824. He was a farmer, and followed farming on an extensive scale until his death, which occurred May 14, 1885. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Jacob Bomberger married Miss Barbara, daughter of Christian Hess, and they became the parents of three children, viz.: Anna, wife of Henry G. Snyder; Maria, wife of H. Reist Landis; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Bomberger was born on the old homestead Oct. 10, 1860, and lived at home with his fa-

ther until he was twenty-three years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county and attended through one term at the Lititz Academy, after which he began life for himself, farming on the old homestead for five years. He then moved to Warwick, where he has been engaged in the leaf tobacco business. In politics Mr. Bomberger has always affiliated with the Republican party, but he never sought office.

On Oct. 16, 1883, Mr. Bomberger wedded Miss Anna B. Bollinger, daughter of Hiram Bollinger, of Lincoln, Pa., and to this union have been born four children, namely: Hiram B., Barbara B., Jacob B. and Clayton B., all of whom are at home.

Mr. Bomberger is one of the best-known residents of this section of Lancaster county, and he has attained high standing among the substantial citizens as an honorable, public spirited and reliable business man. He is fully alive to the best interests of his section, and is a worthy representative of Warwick township.

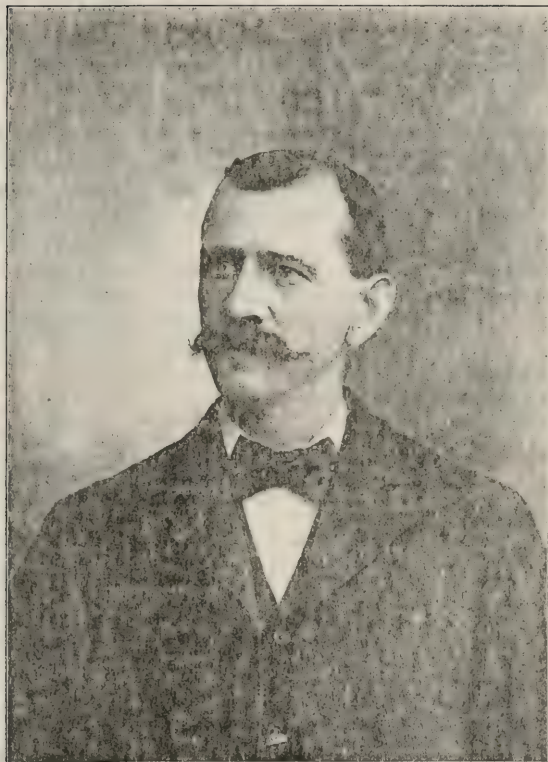
SAMUEL HARTMAN belongs to a family which has taken a prominent and honorable part in the history of East Lampeter township and Lancaster county for two centuries. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Hartman, a Mennonite preacher, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1714 and followed farming all his life. In 1755 he built the house yet standing on the family farm still in good repair. He was the father of three sons and three daughters. The daughters were: Ester, who married David Huber; Fannie, wife of Henry Hess; and Annie, who died at home, unmarried.

Henry Hartman, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the same old farm and spent his entire life there, engaged at farming. In religion he was one of the Old Mennonites. He married Miss Catherine Hildebrand, and they were the parents of six children: Henry, the father of Samuel; Catherine, wife of Daniel Stauffer; Nancy, wife of Jacob Buckwalter; Elizabeth, wife of John Stauffer; Fannie, wife of Joseph Hershey; and Hettie, wife of Jacob Rife.

Henry Hartman was also born on the old farm, Nov. 27, 1808, inherited the place from his father and continued to farm until his death, which occurred Feb. 28, 1870. Mr. Hartman was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. On Nov. 5, 1833, he married Miss Elizabeth Eby, daughter of Samuel Eby, and they had a family of six children: Samuel; Anna, born March 21, 1836, the widow of Samuel Landis; Elizabeth, born March 12, 1837, deceased wife of John Esbenshale; Catherine, born June 14, 1840; Henry, born Feb. 6, 1853, who married Nettie Hostetter and lives at Ephrata; Aaron, born Oct. 20, 1856, who married Francis Diefenbaugh and is a resident of East Lampeter.

Samuel Hartman was born Aug. 22, 1834, on the old Hartman farm, being of the fourth or fifth generation who have been born and lived all their





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lives there. Samuel Hartman, however, moved to Chester county for twelve years, after which he returned to the old place, and there he has remained ever since. He was educated in the common schools of the county. The farm which Mr. Hartman so successfully cultivates, comprising about eighty-three acres, is one of the oldest in Lancaster county and is the original farm owned by his ancestors several generations back, and which has always remained in the family. He is deeply interested in the moral and material welfare of Lancaster county, and is ranked among its substantial, highly respected citizens. Politically he is a Republican. Like his ancestors, he is a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 1, 1860, Mr. Hartman wedded Miss Catherine Price, daughter of Andrew Price, of West Lampeter township, and this union has been blessed with eight children: Andrew P., born Aug. 3, 1861, now of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, born Sept. 5, 1862, wife of John Huber; Henry, born Nov. 13, 1863, still at home; Ellanora, born Sept. 12, 1866, who died in childhood; Milton, born Sept. 1, 1868, who died in infancy; Susan, born Jan. 30, 1871, wife of John Shurtz, of Lancaster; Amanda, born Aug. 27, 1873, still at home; and Samuel, born July 3, 1878, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hartman died Feb. 23, 1898, aged sixty-four years, nine months and thirteen days.

**ISAAC MECKLEY.** Among the prominent, substantial and representative citizens of Mt. Joy township who have done much for the advancement and perfection of agriculture in Lancaster county is Isaac Meckley, a retired farmer, residing near Elizabethtown.

Mr. Meckley was born in Mt. Joy township on a farm adjoining his present property March 21, 1819, a son of Melchor and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Meckley, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in their young married life, settling first in Dauphin, but later removing to Lancaster county and locating in Mt. Joy township. The first marriage of Melchor Meckley was to a Miss Grubb, and their children, John, Christian, Jacob and Elizabeth, are all dead. He then married a Miss Newcomer, the children of this union being: Joseph and Susan. Then he married the mother of our subject, who died Dec. 1, 1875, at the age of eighty-three years, and their children were: Samuel, deceased, who married Mary Bristol; Benjamin, deceased, who married Barbara Halderman; Henry, deceased, who married Eliza Henry; and Isaac.

Although Mr. Meckley of this record began life as a poor boy, dependent entirely upon his own resources from an early age, through energy and perseverance he in time became possessed of more means than were the farmers for whom he so faithfully worked in his boyhood. He learned the carpenter trade and was kept busy and made money for a number of years, but in 1861 he decided to

engage in farming. At first this was not very easy matter, for at that time much of the labor-saving machinery now in use was not even invented, all that the horses could not do being necessarily performed by hand, the few machines then on the market being far beyond his reach. However, Mr. Meckley was regarded as an excellent farmer and by hard work obtained good crops and accumulated money. In 1880 he retired from active labor, owning two fine farms, one in Dauphin county and another in Lancaster county. In politics he is a Republican.

In January, 1859, Mr. Meckley was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Barbara Coble, and the family born to this union consisted of two children, David C. and Anna. David C., who is a farmer in Mt. Joy township, married, in 1883, Miss Emma Garber, born in Dauphin county, daughter of John and Sarah (Peck) Garber, of that county. Mr. and Mrs. David Meckley have three children, Walter, Ralph E. and John. Anna, deceased, married Solomon Espen-shade and had two children, Harvey and Estella. Mrs. Meckley was born in Dauphin county Sept. 7, 1825, and died Dec. 1, 1899, aged forty-four years. She was buried in Dauphin county. Her parents were Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Coble, of Dauphin county.

Both Isaac Meckley and his son are held in high esteem in Mt. Joy township as reliable, upright and honorable men. In every public matter that comes up in the community they give an influence in the direction that will prove of benefit to the township, while in private life they are known as excellent neighbors and kind and helpful friends, men of character and standing.

**SIDWELL T. WILSON.** For many years the late Sidwell T. Wilson was a prominent and successful farmer, as well as a highly esteemed citizen of Little Britain township, identified with its best agricultural and religious progress. He was born in this township on Oct. 25, 1828, on the same farm where his useful and valued life ended on April 16, 1892. His parents were Needham and Jane (Patterson) Wilson, the ancestors of the family having originated in Scotland and Ireland.

The Wilson family settled in early days in Lancaster county and were members of the Society of Friends. Grandfather Benjamin Wilson married Anna Sidwell, the former being English and the latter bringing in the Scotch-Irish strain. Needham Wilson, the son of Benjamin, and the father of the late Sidwell, was born May 15, 1797, and died Sept. 22, 1872. His widow survived until Sept. 7, 1890, dying at the age of ninety-four years. Their children were: Dorestus, a coal dealer in Chester county; Sidwell T.; Silvia A., who married George Rockius, deceased; Dr. Needham, a physician in Philadelphia; and J. M., of Fairmount.

Through a long and industrious life Sidwell Wilson so lived that when he was called from earth he left the world better for his having lived in it, and



was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. He was a liberal contributor to the Presbyterian Church, generously forwarding all of its enterprises in the direction of missions and charity. His political adherence was given to the Democratic party, and he consistently voted to support its measures and to elect its candidates.

The marriage of Sidwell T. Wilson was to Miss Margaret A. Hill, who was born in Britain township Jan. 13, 1834, a daughter of Thomas and Eleanor (Killough) Hill; the father was born in the State of New York, about 1803, and died June 12, 1866, in Britain township, in this county. The mother of Mrs. Wilson was born in 1804 and died in 1875, having borne two children: Sarah, of Little Britain township, and Margaret A., who is the widow of the late Sidwell T. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson still resides on the old home farm, esteemed and beloved by relatives and friends. She has long been a valued member of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, and is widely known for her neighborly kindness and Christian virtues. Her family is one of the old and highly respected ones of Lancaster county.

WALTER F. BICKNELL, a retired farmer of Fulton township, Lancaster county, is a substantial citizen of the community. He comes from an English family, but was born in this country, having first seen the light of day on Dec. 24, 1832, in Fulton township. John Bicknell, his father, was born in England in 1785 and came to this country in early manhood. In 1810 he married Miss May Porritt, and they reared a family of eleven children, eight of whom grew to mature years, Samuel, Mary, John, Sarah, Isaac, Anna, William and Walter F., the youngest of the family.

Walter F. Bicknell married Rebecca, daughter of Caleb Thomas, of Fulton township, Oct. 18, 1866. Mrs. Bicknell's family is also of English origin. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell has been blessed with three children: Howard W., born in 1868, is on a part of the original home farm; Frederick C. manages the home place; and George H. is in Little Britain township. Mrs. Bicknell was born in 1837 and still enjoys most excellent health. Mr. Bicknell recently sold his farm of 180 acres to his sons, Howard and Frederick, who are operating it.

Mr. Bicknell was a volunteer of Co. D, 99th P. V., during the Civil war, enlisting in July, 1861. He served in the army of the Potomac under Gen. George B. McClellan, and took part in all of the Virginia, Potomac and James River campaigns, during which occurred some of the hardest fought battles of the Civil war. He was at the battle of the Wilderness, Gettysburg, Petersburg and the siege of Richmond, and was a faithful, hard-fighting soldier through it all, till July 31, 1864, when his term of service expired. Mr. Bicknell is a professor of the Quaker religious faith and is a strong Republican in

politics. He still enjoys excellent health, notwithstanding his arduous experience in the army. He is well known and respected by all his neighbors for his many fine traits of character.

JOHN KREIDER, in his life-time one of the leading men of Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township April 27, 1838, a son of Jacob and Anna (Buckwalter) Kreider, and died March 1, 1897. His youth was passed in Leacock township, and after his marriage he removed to Leaman Place, in Paradise township.

Mr. Kreider was married Jan. 10, 1865, to Catherine Ann, a daughter of Jacob and Lydia Ann (Buckwalter) Leaman, who was born in East Lampeter township Dec. 16, 1842. After their marriage they located on the farm where Mrs. Kreider is still living. This farm originally contained 104 acres, but several lots have been sold from it, and it now contains ninety-five acres. It is highly improved, and is classed among the best of the county. Here Mr. Kreider spent his active life in farming. He never sought or held public station, and was closely devoted to his domestic interests, preferring the comforts and delights of home to any possible pleasure found elsewhere. Both husband and wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider were the parents of five children, only two of whom survive. An infant daughter, born Aug. 6, 1866, died the same day; Charles B., born April 2, 1871, died Feb. 13, 1873; Jacob H., born Dec. 16, 1874, died May 4, 1875. Elam L., a music teacher of Leaman Place, was born Oct. 2, 1868; he married Miss Alice Mylin, and is the father of two children, Katherine Barbara and Marian Mylin; Lydia Ann, born Aug. 16, 1877, is at home. All the family are musical, and as noted above the son is a professional teacher, and has achieved a substantial success in his calling. He, with his wife and sister, belongs, to the Presbyterian Church. The home bears the name of "Willow Burn Farm."

Jacob K. and Lydia Ann Leaman were among the honored people of the county. He was born in Lancaster township Nov. 28, 1819, and died May 28, 1889. He was the son of Benjamin and Catherine (Kreider) Leaman. Mr. Leaman was reared and spent the most of his life in East Lampeter and Leacock townships, and became one of the leading farmers of his time. His homestead he divided into four farms for his sons. For nine years he was school director. He was married Nov. 26, 1840, to Lydia Ann Buckwalter, a daughter of Abraham and Ann (Witmer) Buckwalter. She was born July 11, 1823, and is still living in the full enjoyment of health and mind. A lady of culture and refinement, her age only serves to accent her grace and dignity. Reared in East Lampeter township, the most of her life was spent in her native community. Since the death of her husband she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Kreider. The father and





mother were both members of the Mennonite Church. To this worthy couple were born: Catherine Ann, the widow of John Kreider; Susan E., the wife of Ephraim Hershey, of Salisbury township; Elam W., of Leacock township; Anna Mary, who married Simon Denlinger, of Paradise township, and is dead; Jacob B., a farmer of Leacock township; Lydia E., the wife of Aaron H. Duffenbach, of Greenland; Franklin K., a retired farmer of Gordonville; Ezra H., a manufacturer of cigar boxes in Paradise township.

JOSEPH PENNY, a farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Drumore township Nov. 23, 1840, and is a son of Hugh and Sarah (Wentz) Penny, both natives of Drumore township. Hugh Penny was born June 12, 1812, and his wife Sept. 25, 1817.

Hugh Penny was a son of Joseph and Mary (Long) Penny, both of whom were born in this county, and were descended from Scotch-Irish parentage. Joseph Penny, the grandfather, first settled near the Buck, where he established the present family. He had a family of two sons and four daughters: James; Hugh; Sarah A., widow of John Wentz, who had five sons and four daughters; Mary J., wife of Thomas Wentz, of Martie township; Hannah M., who married William Wentz, of Martie township, both of whom are dead; Harriet, married to John S. Morrison, both deceased.

James Penny married Mariah Wentz, and made a home near the old family estate, near Buck. His widow and one son are still living on the old homestead in Drumore township.

Hugh Penny was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and given a common school education. He and his wife lived and died on the family homestead. His death occurred in 1881, and his widow passed away in 1885. In early life they were associated with the Friends, but in their later years united with the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Penny was a staunch Democrat, and held local offices in Drumore township. He was the father of seven children.

(1) Mary M., born in August, 1836, married Henry Pegan, of Martie township. They settled in Drumore township, where she died in October, 1876, leaving three daughters: Ida married Samuel Grove; Eva married Wilkie Grove, and is now dead; Lena married Robert Wickersham, of Chester county. (2) Joseph Penny. (3) Sarah A., born in Drumore township in January, 1843, married Thomas Wilson, of Stewartstown, York county, where they live retired. (4) Mariah J., born Oct. 16, 1844, married Aldus Aument, of East Drumore township, whose sketch may be seen elsewhere. (5) William C., born Jan. 20, 1848, married Mary Buckius, of Lancaster county, and has his home on the old place in Drumore township. (6) Hugh J., born in June, 1852, married Miss Lizzie Phillips, of Colerain township, and is engaged as a merchant in Russellville, Chester county. They have one

daughter, Etta. (7) Laura, born March 8, 1856, was educated in the Academy at Chestnut Level, and married Prof. William Overholt, of Little Britain township. He is now a retired druggist in Baltimore. They have a son and a daughter living, Mirton and Hallie, both of whom live in Baltimore, the daughter being at home.

Joseph Penny was reared on the home farm and given a common school education in Drumore township. He was married Jan. 5, 1871, to Hannah M., a daughter of Mahlon and Anna M. (Dare) Pusey. Mrs. Penny was born April 18, 1848, and was reared to womanhood in the old home at Puseyville, where she attended the Union High School. Mahlon Pusey was twice married, Mrs. Penny being a daughter of the second marriage, to which were born seven children: George, of Oxford; Rebecca, the wife of Hugh Long, of East Drumore township; Emma; Sarah, the wife of Lindly Hutton, of Belmar, N. J.; Ada; Rose, the wife of Frank Herr, of Little Britain township; and Hannah M.

Mr. and Mrs. Penny settled on a farm in West Drumore township, where they lived about four years, when they moved to Puseyville, where Mr. Penny was engaged in the milling business for some ten years. In 1885 he bought the farm where he is found to-day. It was then known as the Bunting farm and was two miles south of the Union. Since coming there they have rebuilt the dwelling house and made many substantial and elegant improvements. To them have come a daughter and a son. Anna M., born in Drumore township, received her education in the Union High School of Colerain, and is an accomplished young lady. Cheyney was a student of the Union High School. In November, 1900, he was married to Belle, a daughter of Abram and Matilda McConnell, and now lives on his farm in Little Britain township.

The Penny family are all associated with the Union Presbyterian Church. Mr. Penny has always been a Democrat, has been school director in Colerain township, and since 1888 has been a director of the Union High School, being also school treasurer.

Mrs. Penny's grandfather, Rev. Elkanah Dare, was the first Presbyterian minister who preached in the Union Presbyterian Church in Colerain township.

SILAS E. GROFF, one of the leading and progressive farmers of Paradise township, Lancaster county, owner of a well improved farm, located three miles northeast of Strasburg borough, is the representative of one of the old and honored families of the county.

John Groff, his paternal grandfather, familiarly known as "Swamp John," was one of the substantial citizens of Paradise township, and there reared a large family of children. Of the latter, Sarah married a Mr. Dripps; Louisa married Henry Girvin, and they resided first in Paradise township and later in Bart township; Alice married a school teacher,



Mr. Clark, and removed from Lancaster county; Lizzie died unmarried; Isaac emigrated to Columbiana county, Ohio, and there married and engaged in farming; John removed to Maryland, where he became a farmer; George, the father of Silas E., was a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob studied medicine and became one of the prominent practitioners of Strasburg, acquiring considerable wealth.

George Groff, the father of Silas E., was reared in Paradise township and educated in the public schools. He married Miss Ann Eshleman, who was born May 22, 1804, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Brackbill) Eshleman. George Groff was a life-long farmer, operating a property of 140 acres and becoming one of the influential, substantial citizens of Lancaster county. He and his wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. To George and Ann (Eshleman) Groff were born five children, as follows: Aldus John, born June 13, 1837, a retired farmer of Lancaster City; Mary V., born Oct. 23, 1839, a resident of Strasburg borough; Silas E.; Emma E., born June 10, 1844, who married Martin B. Rohrer, formerly of Paradise, now of Strasburg, and died in July, 1891; and an infant son, deceased. George, the father, died March 20, 1880, and his wife passed away Jan. 31, 1875.

Silas E. Groff was born March 6, 1842, on a farm in Paradise township adjoining that where he now lives. He was reared in his native township. He received a fair education in the common schools and supplemented the instruction then obtained by an attendance at Paradise Academy and at the Millersville State Normal School. At this time he joined a militia regiment under Col. Franklin, and served the Union about ten weeks. Soon after completing his education he entered upon his life work as a farmer, locating in 1867 upon the farm which he still occupies. Improvements upon the property were then very poor, but with his father he has since erected good substantial buildings, and the place is now one of the well improved and highly cultivated farms in this part of Lancaster county. In connection with his own farm of seventy-nine acres, Mr. Groff operates another of 100 acres, and is also engaged in handling stock. He is recognized as one of the progressive and foremost agriculturists of Paradise township, and he aims to keep constantly in touch with the best interests of the community, being ever ready to assist in any enterprise for the public good. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, but he has never sought nor accepted public office.

On Feb. 27, 1878, Mr. Groff married Miss S. Elizabeth Keneagy, daughter of Henry and Sarah Ann (Rowe) Keneagy, a granddaughter of Henry and Sarah (Sherts) Keneagy. The grandfather was in his day a distiller in Paradise township, conducting a large and extensive business. He died comparatively early in life, leaving six children, namely: Susan, who remained single; John S., a farmer and distiller of Paradise township; Jacob, who removed

to Chicago, Ill.; Henry, the father of Mrs. Groff; Christian, a farmer and distiller; and Samuel, a physician of Strasburg. Henry Keneagy was born Dec. 26, 1817, and for two years of his life was the successful keeper of a hotel in Strasburg and East Lampeter township, but he devoted most of his life to the pursuit of farming. He died Aug. 27, 1872, and his wife, who was born Oct. 6, 1827, died April 21, 1864. Three children were born to Henry and Sarah Ann Keneagy, namely: Charles R., a resident of Strasburg; S. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Groff; and William A., a resident of Strasburg.

The family of Silas E. and S. Elizabeth Groff consists of two children: Mary R., born Sept. 26, 1888; and John E., born May 22, 1890. Mrs. Groff is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The family are held in high esteem throughout the community.

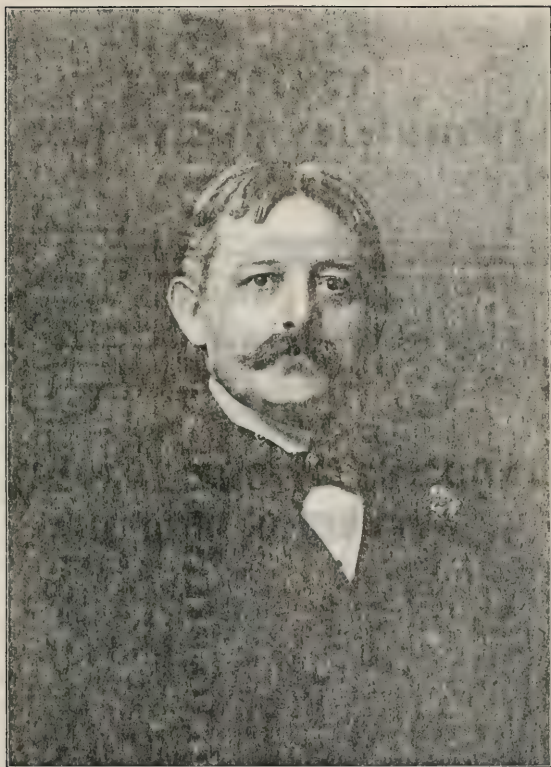
**WILLIAM B. GIVEN.** The Given family is of Scotch-Irish descent. James Given, the grandfather of William B., was born in Ireland, and emigrated to America in early life, settling in Chester county, Pa. Later he moved to Columbia, Lancaster county, where he engaged in lumbering when the lumber was brought down the river in rafts. He became quite prosperous, and at the time of his death was the possessor of considerable wealth. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was a man of prominence in the community wherein he dwelt. A very active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he bore a high reputation for personal integrity and worth. He married a Miss Mercer, and they had eight children, among whom was William F., the father of William B.

William F. Given was born near Downingtown, in Chester county, Jan. 20, 1813, and in 1816 came to Columbia, where he grew to man's estate, and succeeded to the business of his father, from which he retired quite early in life, with a competency. He was a director in the Columbia National Bank and in the Columbia Bridge Company. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Columbia, and in politics he was a Democrat. On his retirement from active business, in 1859, he purchased a farm near the city of Baltimore, Md., and settled thereon, and there his death occurred in 1862. Mr. Given was, Oct. 26, 1853, married to Miss Susan A., daughter of Rev. William Barns, of Philadelphia, and they had children: Laura, William B., Mercer, Frank S. and Martha W.

William B. Given was born Sept. 25, 1855, in Columbia, though Maryland, to which he early removed, was the scene of his boyhood experiences. He pursued his studies when a lad at the public schools of Maryland, later at the Saunders Institute, Philadelphia, and then at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, from which he graduated in his twentieth year. Having chosen the law as his profession, he began his studies in the office







William B. Given





Mr. Frank S. Green





of Hon. Vincent L. Bradford and E. Ray, Esq., Philadelphia, and completed them under the direction of H. M. North, Esq., in Columbia. Upon his admission to the Bar, in 1876, he became established as a practitioner in Columbia, where he has since resided, and has an office. Mr. Given has, by his thorough knowledge of law, his studious habits, and the zeal and ability exhibited in the interest of his clients, won an enviable position at the Lancaster Bar. He has also been admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State of Pennsylvania, and in the Supreme court of the United States. He has always manifested a deep interest in public affairs, especially in measures tending to the advancement of education, and for nine years was an active member of the school board and president of the same for two years.

Until 1896 Mr. Given was a Democrat, and was an active and prominent member of that party. He was a member of the State Committee several years, and his services on the stump in every campaign were eagerly sought. In 1877 he was the candidate of his party for the office of district attorney, and was nominated for Congressional honors in 1882, but was defeated for both offices, as his party was largely in the minority. In 1892 he was sent as a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency. Again, in 1896, he was chairman of the Democratic State Convention, which convened in Allentown, Pa., and on taking the chair sounded the keynote in Pennsylvania for sound money. His position on the financial question made Mr. Given a delegate to the National Democratic Convention of 1896, where he was an ardent advocate of sound money. Upon the nomination of William J. Bryan, Mr. Given left the convention, denouncing the platform and its candidate. He returned to Pennsylvania and assisted in reorganizing the sound Democratic movement, and was a delegate-at-large to the convention of sound Democrats held at Indianapolis, and was subsequently elected and served as State chairman of that party in Pennsylvania. Since 1896 he has taken no active part in politics, but in 1900 he cast his vote for William McKinley.

Mr. Given is prominently identified with many business enterprises in Lancaster county and elsewhere. He is president of the Columbia Trust Company, the Conestoga Traction Company (owning all the electric railway lines in Lancaster county), the Lancaster County Railway & Light Company, the Wilson Laundry Machinery Company, the Gas Light & Fuel Company, of Lancaster, and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of Lancaster, and is a director in no less than twenty-two different corporations and railway companies in Lancaster county. Recently the laundry machinery companies of the United States were formed into a trust, having a capitalization of \$16,000,000, and Mr. Given has been elected a director in this giant corporation.

In 1878 Mr. Given was married to Mary E., the only daughter of Abraham Bruner, and this union has been blessed with four children: Erna B., Jane Bruner, William Barns and Susan Emily.

**FRANK SCOTT GIVEN.** That ability aided by perseverance and industry leads to a success in whatever line of business a man may adopt, is shown in the career of Frank Scott Given, of Columbia, who was born there Aug. 4, 1859, son of William F. and Susan A. (Barns) Given. Failing health led his father to remove to a farm in Worthington Valley, Baltimore Co., Md., when Frank S. was but six weeks old. Change of residence did not bring the hoped for relief, and the father passed away a few months after settling on the farm. Being anxious to provide additional advantages for her children, Mr. Given's mother, after her husband's death, removed to Westminster, Md. Learning that the farm was not receiving proper attention, and believing that better schools might be found in Reisterstown, she took up her residence there, and remained five years, when she removed to Columbia, where she now resides. Her father, William Barns, was a noted Methodist Episcopal preacher, known throughout the Eastern States for his eloquence. He was born in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and died in Philadelphia in November, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Given had five children: Laura, who died in infancy; William B.; Mercer, who died in infancy; Frank S.; and Martha Washington, wife of Howard B. Rhodes, of Columbia.

At the age of fourteen Frank Scott Given entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as a messenger boy in the office of the general agent, at Philadelphia. He remained with that corporation fourteen years, demonstrating, by his mental capacity, integrity and rare executive ability, his right to rapid promotion. For three years he occupied the desk of a way bill clerk, and was then made general foreman of all the Willow-street wharfs, which responsible position he filled for five years. Under the first administration of President Cleveland, Mr. Given was appointed assistant superintendent of the stamp division in the Philadelphia post office, which office he held three years, when he was promoted to the position of night superintendent of mails, from which he resigned in 1891. Feeling the need of rest, he returned to his native town, but was not long idle, as he received the dual office of secretary and superintendent of the Columbia & Ironville Passenger Railway Co., whose line was then in the process of construction. After its completion he was made superintendent of construction between Columbia and Marietta, and was later made superintendent of both branches. In 1894 all the trolley lines in Lancaster county were consolidated under the name of the Pennsylvania Traction Company, and Mr. Given was made superintendent of the Columbia division.



The Company became financially involved and passed into the hands of a receiver, William B. Given, a brother of Frank S., being placed in control. The company's affairs were successfully adjusted and a reorganization was effected under the style of the Conestoga Traction Company, with Frank S. Given as general manager. The company at this time (December, 1901) operates a trackage of 104 miles, giving to the people of Lancaster county rapid transit to nearly all of the towns, villages and boroughs in the county, as well as handsome dividends to the stockholders. Mr. Given is also connected with other important and prosperous business enterprises, the building up of which have materially added to the prosperity of Lancaster county. He is president, treasurer and director of the Triumph Embroidery Company; also a director in the following enterprises: The Columbia Brewing Company, the Wilson Laundry Machinery Company, and the Conestoga Traction Company, and the underlying companies leased and operated by it. As above stated, he is general manager of the Conestoga Traction Company, and in addition thereto is general manager of the Lancaster Gas Light & Fuel Company, the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Columbia Electric Light & Power Company, and of the seventy miles of pikes controlled and leased by the Conestoga Traction Company. When the Columbia Real Estate Exchange was organized, in 1895, he was chosen its president, and is still in its directory. He has never cared for public office, but in 1896 consented to assume the duties of chief of the Columbia Fire Department, and was chairman of the committee that raised \$3,250 for the entertaining of the visiting firemen on the occasion of the Centennial of Fire Company No. 1, of Columbia. Of this celebrated company of firemen Mr. Given has been marshal for six years, and during that time, until 1901, it took first prize for parading the largest number and appearing as the finest body of men at the annual gathering of Pennsylvania firemen.

Mr. Given is a Democrat in politics, but too much absorbed in business to seek political office or to take a working interest in political matters. He attends the services of the Episcopal Church, in which his wife is a communicant. As a manager of men Mr. Given is a complete success. While liberal and kind of heart, he is strict with his employes where the welfare and safety of the patrons of the road he manages are concerned, and demands of every employe a strict attention to duty. While his men know that neglect of duty will be followed by reprimand or worse, they also know that they will have justice, and because of this he is respected by every man in his employ.

On May 25, 1897, at Columbia, Mr. Given was married to Mrs. Mary Gordon Schram, widow of the late William M. Schram, a well known jeweler of Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa. Mrs. Given is one of thirteen children born to William and Margaret

(Blaykes) Gordon, twelve of whom died in childhood. Her parents originally lived near Dublin, Ireland, whence they emigrated to America. Her father was a man of large means, and prominently identified with various transportation interests. Mr. Gordon died Aug. 20, 1881, aged sixty-two, and his widow passed away Aug. 4, 1884, in her fifty-ninth year, both in the religious faith of the Established Church. Mrs. Given's first husband, Mr. Schram, died in September, 1889, within five months after their marriage, at the early age of twenty-two years. A posthumous child was born, a daughter, Hilpa S., who lives with her mother and step-father. Mr. and Mrs. Given are endowed with native refinement and culture, are unassuming in manner, affable and courteous to all, in every station of life. Their home is one of the handsomest in Columbia, and in it they delight to dispense a generous hospitality. Mr. Given's genial disposition has won and kept hosts of friends, while his sagacity and probity command universal respect.

PETER E. WITMER, a very well known and successful farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in East Donegal township Aug. 26, 1838, a son of Peter F. and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Witmer.

Peter E. Witmer was married Dec. 28, 1865, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth M. Strickler, by whom he had the following children: Noah S., a farmer in Penn township, married to Anna B. Snively, by whom he has had one son, Jacob, now deceased; Sarah S., unmarried, and living in Landisville, Pa.; Anna S., living with her brother, Jacob; Jacob S., a farmer of East Donegal township, who was married Sept. 6, 1900, to Mary Brubaker; Elizabeth S., Ellen S., Peter S. and Fanny S. are all at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. (Strickler) Witmer was born on the farm where they are now living Sept. 26, 1841, a daughter of Ulric and Sarah (Miller) Strickler, natives of Rapho and Strasburg townships, respectively. Her father died on what is now the Witmer home farm Nov. 17, 1864, at the age of sixty-three years; her mother survived until March 31, 1890, when she passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. Her father was buried in a private cemetery on an adjoining farm. This was the old Strickler farm, and is closely associated with the early history of the Strickler family. The mother was buried in Salunga, Pa. These were their children: Mary, the wife of Benjamin Herr, who has a home near Quarryville; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Witmer; Peter, who died young; Fanny, who died young; David, a farmer in Rapho township; Anna, who married a Mr. Horst, and is dead; John, a farmer in Manheim township; Sarah, unmarried, and residing in Salunga, Pa., as does her brother, Henry M., who married, in 1902, Martha Hoover, from Lancaster City.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Peter E. Witmer were John and Anna (Lehman) Strickler, both





of Lancaster county, as were her maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Kramer) Miller.

Peter E. Witmer remained with his parents until three years after his marriage, when he rented a farm in Rapho township, on which he lived a year, and then for eleven years cultivated rented farms. At the end of that time he bought his present homestead, and has made himself a very creditable standing among the farming citizens of this end of the county. He and his wife belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and exert a wholesome moral and religious influence on those with whom they come in contact. In politics he is a Republican, and his opinions command respect because they are based on observation, and are the result of sound reflection.

**CHRISTIAN ROHRER**, deceased. There passed away from the scenes of life on June 18, 1897, in his seventy-ninth year, a citizen of Lancaster county whose life had been most usefully spent in his native county, and whose career was more than ordinarily successful. Christian Rohrer possessed those sterling traits of earnestness, industry and integrity which lie at the base of all true success, and in addition was a man of unusual intelligence and business sagacity, which contributed not a little in establishing his status as one of the influential citizens of Paradise township, where he spent most of his active adult life.

Christian Rohrer was born in Strasburg township Aug. 3, 1818, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Stoner) Rohrer, among the old and prominent residents of that section. He was reared in his native township, and soon after his marriage, when twenty-six years of age, he settled on a farm of 111 acres, located in Paradise township, three miles east of Strasburg borough, and there began a career which was continued most happily and successfully through a long course of years. Upon the farm was located an old saw and grist mill which had been operated by water power. Mr. Rohrer soon tore down this old mill and erected on its site the substantial milling plant which is still operated by his son, Henry S. This mill Christian Rohrer conducted in connection with farming, until he retired in favor of his son, Henry S., in 1877. He was eminently qualified for that industrial occupation, for he was one of those men, valuable products of American civilization, who possess mechanical genius of a high order. He took deep interest in public matters and for twenty years or longer was a member of the local school board. He was one of the early stockholders of the Strasburg National Bank and for years was one of its directors. His interest in the general welfare of the community and county was keen and his active aid contributed to the advancement of many worthy enterprises. About 1885 he took a trip to Missouri and there made large investments, which resulted satisfactorily. His keen insight into business affairs and his business judgment continued bright and unerring in his after years.

Christian Rohrer married, Dec. 28, 1843, Miss Maria Buckwalter, born Nov. 18, 1820, daughter of Martin Buckwalter, and to them were born the following children: Elizabeth, widow of John Bachman, of Strasburg township; Martin B., a resident of Strasburg borough; Henry S., whose sketch appears below; Emma, wife of William Homan, a resident of Chariton Co., Mo.; Elmira, at home; Ezra, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Mary, who died in September, 1899, the wife of John Stoner, of Chariton county, Mo.; Ada Susan, who died aged two and a half years; Ella, who resides at the old homestead; Ida, wife of Elias Mellinger, of Strasburg township. The parents of these children have been devoted and consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Christian Rohrer died June 18, 1897. His widow still survives.

**HENRY S. ROHRER**, son of Christian and Maria (Buckwalter) Rohrer, was born Jan. 12, 1848, in Paradise township, on the farm which he now occupies. He was educated in the public schools and also attended the academy at Strasburg for two summers. In 1877 he took charge of the home farm and mill, which his father had managed so successfully for many years, and he has since carried the business to greater proportions. The mills are fitted with the most approved machinery. They are equipped with both steam and water power, and the products include flour and grist, lumber, shingles, lath, etc. A large amount of work is turned out each year. In 1895 Mr. Rohrer built a large reservoir adjacent to the mill, which supplies it with power and is also used for ice making. He recognizes the importance of possessing the best and latest industrial appliances and his plant is a model in that respect.

Mr. Rohrer married, Jan. 8, 1877, Miss Annie M. Haverstick, who was born in Lancaster township in 1853, daughter of John N. Haverstick. A family of seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer, namely, Ross H., Mary Alice, John C., Frank H., Ezra (deceased), Anna M. and Henry G. Mr. Rohrer is one of the prosperous and successful business men of the county. His political convictions are deep and his courage and fidelity in their advocacy have won him influence and wide respect. He believes in the Prohibition principles and affiliates with the party advocating the same. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

**ABRAHAM R. DENLINGER** (deceased) was born Nov. 13, 1846, on the farm adjoining that on which the most of his active life was passed. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1898, in the home where his family still resides. His ashes were interred in the Resh burying ground, a well-known cemetery in Leacock township.

Mr. Denlinger was a son of Henry and Lydia (Resh) Denlinger, both natives of Lancaster county, and farming people. They were parents of the fol-



lowing family: John and Henry, both of whom are dead; Mary, the widow of George Funderburg, of Dayton, Ohio; Anna is the widow of Isaac Bright, also living in Dayton; Abraham R. The paternal grandparents of Abraham R. Denlinger were John and Elizabeth Denlinger, farming people, who were born in Lancaster county.

Mr. Denlinger was married in New Holland, Pa., Sept. 12, 1872, by the Rev. M. J. Mumma, to Susanna Groff, by whom he had one child, Fannie F. E., who is now a school teacher.

Mrs. Susanna Denlinger was born in Leacock township in 1850, and was a daughter of David and Fannie (Miles) Groff, of East Lampeter township, who lived at the time of her birth near Providence township. Her father was a justice of the peace for many years, and was a school teacher for a long period. Among his many useful labors was surveying for the community. He died in 1857, at the age of fifty-four years; his widow died in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight. Both were buried in Resh cemetery, in Leacock township. To them were born: Lydia, wife of Edwin Brenizer, a cigar manufacturer of Leacock township; Reuben, a resident of Leacock township; Isaiah, Amos and Solomon, all deceased; Susanna; Elias, a coach maker of Paradise township.

Abraham R. Denlinger followed farming until 1872, when he sold his place and gave up farming on an extensive scale. He located at Gordonville, Pa., where he had a small estate of six acres. He traveled for several years quite extensively. In 1890 he entered into business relations with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and became one of their agents.

In his politics he was a Republican, and held a creditable position in the community.

THOMAS BAKER, a retired farmer and surveyor of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born at Chatham, Chester Co., Pa., July 13, 1822, son of Lewis and Diana (Jackson) Baker, both of whom were born in Chester county, he in 1790, she a few years later.

Mr. Baker traces his ancestry back definitely to Sir Richard Baker, who was born in the county of Kent, England, in 1568, and died in February, 1644. He was the author of the "Chronicles of the Kings of England." His son, John Baker, born in 1598, died about 1672. They are first found in the North of England, where they were property owners in the fifteenth century, and in the seventeenth century were strong supporters of George Fox, and suffered imprisonment under Cromwell. About 1650 representatives of the family were at or near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. The first of the family to come to this country was

(I) Joseph Baker, born in 1630, son of John, before mentioned. He was of Shropshire, England. With his wife, Mary, he settled in Edgemont township, Delaware Co., Pa., in 1685, upon a large

tract of land. He was a representative from Chester county in the Provincial Assembly in the years, 1701, 1703, 1706, 1710, 1711 and 1713. He was a member of the Society of Friends. He died in 1716, and his will, dated Dec. 19, 1714, is in the register's office at Westchester, Pa. His children, all born in England, were: John, Sarah, wife of Thomas Smedley; Robert, and Joseph.

(II) Joseph Baker (2) son of Joseph, born in 1667, died in 1735. He married Martha Woodward, and they had children as follows: Richard, Aaron, Ann, Susanna, Jane, Jesse, Sarah, Joseph, Rachel, Nehemiah and John.

(III) Aaron Baker, son of Joseph (2), was born in 1701, and died in 1783. He married Mary Edwards, and they had six children: John married Hannah Pennock in 1747. Mary married Thomas Carrington in 1752. Martha married John Clayton in 1753. Esther\* married William Chalfant. Aaron is mentioned below. Samuel lived in West Marlboro township, Chester Co., Pa., where he founded a branch of the family.

(IV) Aaron Baker (2), the great-grandfather of Thomas, was born in 1720, in Chester county, where, in 1750, he married Sarah Hayes. They reared the following family: James (who settled near Coatesville, Chester county, where his descendants still live), Nathan, Elisha, Levi, Joshua, Aaron, John, Hannah, Mary, Rachel and Sarah.

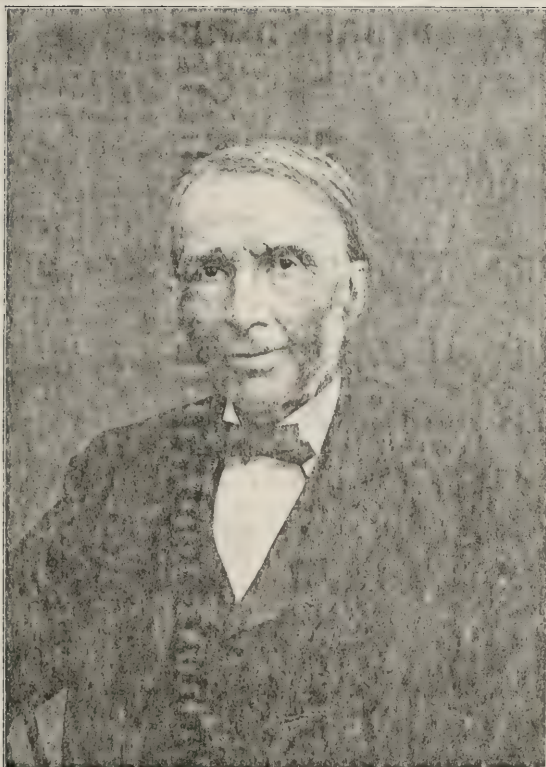
(V) Aaron Baker (3), grandfather of Thomas, was born in Chester county in 1767, and died there in 1853. He married Hannah Harland, also a native of Chester county, and their children were as follows: Lewis, the father of Thomas; Reuben, who married Mary Davis; Susanna, wife of William M. Davis; George, who never married; Jacob, who married Lydia Lamborn; Thomas, who married Ann Rakestraw; Samuel, who married Mary Rakestraw; Aaron, who married M. Ottey; Harland, who married Hannah Eastburn; and Hannah, unmarried.

(VI) Lewis Baker, father of Thomas, was born in 1790, in Chester county, and in 1820 married Diana Jackson. They settled near Chatham, Chester county, and were farming people all their lives, becoming quite prosperous, and adhering strictly to the Quaker faith. Mr. Baker died in 1835, leaving his widow and three sons. The sons bought a tract of land in Colerain township, on which Thomas Baker was located, the mother remaining in Chester county, where she died in 1853. Thomas was the eldest child; Lewis, the second son, married Mary Greenfield, and located on a farm near the old homestead in Chester county, where he died in 1846, leaving a widow, who still lives on the old home; Robert A. died when a young man.

Thomas Baker was well educated in the public schools of Chester county, and for twenty years was a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster and Chester counties, pursuing that profession long







*Thomas Baker*



after his marriage. In 1840 he commenced to study surveying, preparing for that work under Jonathan Goss, at Unionville Academy, Chester county, and it has been his main occupation during most of his active life. He has surveyed over 650 farms in Lancaster and Chester counties, as well as land in Virginia, and made his best survey in 1902, when almost eighty years of age.

Thomas Baker was married in June, 1855, to Miss Eliza, daughter of James and Abigail Jackson, prominent residents of Lancaster county. Mrs. Baker was born in Chester county, in May, 1834, and was for a number of years a teacher in Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker began married life on a farm in Colerain township, where he erected a brick house and a frame barn. There they remained until 1879, when the present handsome brick house on one quarter of the farm was built, in which they have since resided. He is leading a quiet and retired life, doing, however, some little tasks in surveying. His son Lewis has charge of the farm. Mrs. Baker, while on a visit to her son in Philadelphia, in 1893, took cold, and died in that city, her husband and four children, out of a family of seven born to them, surviving: (1) Abbie, born in 1856, married Howard Brinton, a farmer of Colerain township, and died leaving two sons, Thomas B. and Lewis B. (2) Allison, born in 1858, married Miss Anna Maule, of Colerain township, a daughter of J. Comly and S. Emma Maule, and is living on his farm in Sadsbury township. (3) James E., born in 1859, was graduated from the State Normal School at Millersville, and is now principal of the Friends Central School, Philadelphia; for some twelve years he has followed teaching very successfully. He married Miss Emma MacIntyre, of Philadelphia, and they have had six children: Walter, born in 1886; Ralph, 1888; Jeanetta, 1889 (deceased); Marian, 1891; Edna, 1895; and Eugene, Jr., 1897. (4) Xanthus, born in 1863, married Della Girvin, of Colerain township, and resides on his farm near Union, in that township; they have three children: Arthur, born in 1893; Eliza, 1894; and Victoria, 1896. (5) Lewis, born in 1864, died in childhood. (6) Lydia, born in 1872, died in childhood. (7) Lewis, born in 1870, was a student at the Millersville State Normal, married Miss Kate Girvin, of this county, and they reside at the family homestead, he being manager of his father's farm. He has one son, Richard Veryl, who was born in April, 1897.

Thomas Baker has always been a Republican. He has never aspired to political station, though he was once elected school director in Colerain township, when it was strongly Democratic. He and his family are devout adherents to the Quaker faith, to which their ancestors have been committed. Mr. Baker and his wife took a trip to Europe, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and all of the German states, spending much time in many places of interest. Thomas Baker is a man esteemed

by his neighbors for his many good qualities and excellent character, and in disposition he is a man of warm heart and kindly feeling. He is a man of considerable learning, and is a Latin and French scholar. While in England he purchased a book published in 1548, a commentary on the wars of Europe (in Latin), which he prizes very highly.

HARRIS A. GLATFELTER, one of the prominent and leading agriculturists of East Donegal township, was born in Codoras township, n York county, Nov. 17, 1833, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Aerman) Glatfelter, who came to Lancaster county in 1857, settling in East Donegal township; there the former died in 1875, at the age of seventy-six and the latter in 1878, at the same age, both of them having been consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Glatfelter were: Margaret, wife of John Walters, deceased; Zacharias, deceased; Isabella, who married John Smyser, and lives in Marietta; Maria, residing in Harrisburg; Matilda, the widow of Michael Lehart, residing in Lancaster; Harris A.; Martin, a resident of Mt. Union, Pa.; Elizabeth E. married James L. Jacobs, of Abilene, Kan.; Malinda, married to Ed. Bowen, of Philadelphia; Kate, unmarried, in Philadelphia; and Samuel, who is a retired hotel manager of Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Glatfelter remained with his parents during childhood and young manhood, and from early youth showed a willing and ambitious spirit, endeavoring by work for the neighboring farmers to assist his poor parents. As early as 1851 he worked in the York mill factory, going from thence to the Strickler mill, also in York county, where he remained for a year; then he went back to the town of York and entered the steam mill, remaining four years, going next to a mill near Berlin, in York county, where he remained another year; for six months he worked at Highspire, Pa., going from there to Columbia, where his brother-in-law gave him employment in hauling for a few months; but finally he went into the Stauffer mills at East Donegal, where he remained for the following two years, and then operated the Sunny & Heaton mill, in Rapho township for two years more.

By this time Mr. Glatfelter was tired of mill life, although a most efficient and capable workman, so he came to his present farm and for four years operated it on shares for his father-in-law, at the end of which period he returned to milling, taking charge of Musselman's mill, on Big Chickies, remaining for four years. In 1870 he returned to the farm and has since given his time to an agricultural life. For five years he was the township supervisor, filling the office most acceptably.

In Elizabethtown, in 1860, Mr. Glatfelter was married to Elizabeth Hollinger, and to this union was born Horace H., who married Emma Baustick, and is a farmer of this township, with one child,





Irvin B. Mrs. Glatfelter was born on the farm where she died in 1886, at the age of fifty-two. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Brandt) Hollinger. In 1889 Mr. Glatfelter was married, in Columbia, to Barbara Weaver, and one child was born of this marriage, Ella G. Mrs. Glatfelter was born in East Donegal township, a daughter of Godfrey Weaver, and died Dec. 4, 1897, at the age of thirty-seven.

Mr. Glatfelter is well and favorably known through the county, is a prominent Republican, socially is connected with the O. U. A. M. and the K. of P., and is considered a representative and substantial citizen.

JACOB DENLINGER was one of those men of quiet force and character who help to mold and elevate the communities in which they live. He was a life-long resident of Paradise township, Lancaster county, and for thirty-four years was a deacon in the Mennonite Church, of which from boyhood he had been an earnest and consistent member. He was a man of excellent business abilities and was one of the substantial and influential citizens of the township, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was, however, decidedly domestic in his tastes and through life cultivated his well-improved farm of 103 acres. He married Miss Annie Brubaker, and to them came a family of fourteen children. We have record of: Mary, who died in childhood; Annie, wife of John L. Kreider, of Chariton county, Mo.; John B., a farmer of Paradise township, whose sketch appears below; Abraham B., a retired farmer of Strasburg borough; Lizzie, wife of Tobias Leaman, of Leacock township; Tobias, a farmer of Drumore township; Benjamin, deceased, who was a farmer of Leacock township; Hattie, wife of Christ Mamery, of Paradise township; Mattie, wife of Esaias Kling, of Leacock township; Amos, a farmer of Paradise township; Henry, retired, of Lancaster; and Aaron, a farmer of Soudersburg. Jacob, the father, died in 1884, aged seventy-three years. His wife died at the age of sixty-two years.

JOHN B. DENLINGER was born in Paradise township, July 17, 1838. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the neighboring public schools. In the spring of 1861 he located on the farm which he still occupies, a well cultivated property of 141 acres, situated three miles east of Strasburg. Here he followed farming successfully until the spring of 1893, when he retired from active life, though since continuing to reside on the farm. He has made many improvements on the place and has been one of the most progressive farmers.

Mr. Denlinger was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lizzie Shaub, of West Lampeter township, daughter of Henry Shaub. By this marriage there were four children, Jacob, Henry, Mary and the latter's twin sister, who died in infancy. Jacob married Ella Eby, and they have one child, Elsie. He occupies and cultivates the home farm in

Paradise township. Henry is also a farmer of Paradise township. He married Elizabeth Eby, and has three children, Lloyd, Annie and Lottie. Mary is unmarried and is now matron of the Philadelphia Mennonite Home Mission. She has spent four years as one of the workers of the Chicago Home Mission. The mother of these children died in 1875. For his second wife John B. Denlinger married Jan. 1, 1878, Susan Buckwalter, widow of Israel R. Buckwalter. She was born in East Lampeter township, Sept. 15, 1837. By this second marriage there were two children, Sue B., at home, and an infant, deceased. Mrs. Denlinger had two children by her former marriage: Luetta, wife of John K. Lefever, of East Lampeter township; and Phares Buckwalter, a resident of Leacock township, who married Miss Anna Leaman and has four children, Mary, Earl, and Leon and Lila, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger are worthy and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church and the family are among the influential and highly respected residents of Lancaster county. Mr. Denlinger has served for many years as auditor of Paradise township and has also been supervisor. He has been prominent in the administration of local affairs, has kept in close touch and sympathy with the best interests of the community and been ever ready to assist any cause or enterprise for the general good.

JAMES K. DRENNEN, a substantial citizen of Fulton township, Lancaster county, is classed among the justly esteemed men of his neighborhood.

Mr. Drennen was born in Chester county, Pa., July 23, 1830, and is of Irish and Scottish origin. He is a son of William and Mary (Boyd) Drennen, who were married in 1820, and had children as follows: Mary Jane, born Nov. 20, 1821; Ebenezer, Aug. 30, 1823; John M., Oct. 20, 1825, residing in Wrightsville, York county, as a retired farmer; William C., Jan. 26, 1828, living in York county; James K., July 23, 1830; Helena, Sept. 23, 1835, residing in York county; David D., Jan. 1, 1838, deceased; Margarette E., July 25, 1839, deceased; and Walker, twin of Margarette, residing in York county. The father of this family was born in Chester county in 1796, and his wife was born in 1798.

James K. Drennen married Miss Martha Isabella Reed, of Fulton township, Jan. 5, 1858. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McKilloh) Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Drennen have had the following children: Elizabeth K., born Oct. 23, 1858, the wife of William J. Ankrum, of Drumore; Winfield Scott, born Sept. 23, 1861, who married Miss Belle Ankrum, and lives at home; William Lincoln, born Aug. 15, 1864, at home, unmarried; Clement R., born Aug. 29, 1868, deceased; Harry J., born April 10, 1873, a merchant in Fairmount, Lancaster county, who married Miss Winona Shoemaker, of Fulton township; Ada M., the youngest, born April 5, 1877, and died in 1890. Mrs. Drennen died April



14, 1890. She was a good Christian woman and a kind mother.

Mr. Drennen was reared on the farm and started out in life for himself when but fifteen years of age. In 1847 he came to Lancaster county with his parents, who settled on the place he now owns. Mr. Drennen owns two good farms, the home place, comprising 190 acres with good improvements, and a fifty acre place in Drumore township. Politically Mr. Drennen is a strong Abraham Lincoln Republican, and believes in the party as it was under the guidance of the martyred President; he is a leading citizen in his community, having served in almost all the local offices in Fulton township—judge of elections, school director, supervisor of roads and township auditor. Mr. Drennen is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was one of the pioneer organizers of Sabbath-schools in the township. In 1847 his brother, John M. Drennen, organized the first Sunday-school of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, and James K. Drennen served as superintendent. He organized and superintended afternoon Sabbath-schools at Eldora Station, Fairview Shops, Cherry Hill School House and at his own home, and all these exerted a strong moral influence. Mr. Drennen's life is an illustration of the proverb, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children."

SAMUEL E. LANE, the genial landlord and proprietor of the "Millway Hotel," belongs to one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county. His grandfather, Abraham Lane, was commissioner of the county and lived and died there. He was a farmer and followed that occupation all his life. He married Miss Anna Long, by whom he had four children, viz.: Andrew L., a farmer of Oregon, Pa.; Abram L., of Lititz, a retired farmer; Matilda, the wife of John B. Earl, a retired citizen of Lititz; and Amelia, who married Samuel Bare, both being now deceased.

Andrew L. Lane, father of Samuel E., was born in Manheim township about 1840, and has followed farming all his life, with the exception of a short time when he lived retired. He has been very active in politics, and is a staunch Republican. He held the office of school director for some years. Mr. Lane married Miss Barbara B. Erb, of Warwick township, and they became the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: Abram E., a merchant in Clay township; Samuel E.; Elmer E., a farmer of Millway; Cameron E., a dentist; Harry E. and Clyde E., at home.

Samuel E. Lane was born in Manheim township, Nov. 9, 1866, and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education in the common schools, at the Millersville Normal, where he spent one term, and at Weidler's Business College, of Lancaster, from which latter he graduated. He then began life for himself, farming one year in Neffsville, whence he moved, and six years

on his father's farm in Millway. After this he purchased the hotel at Millway, of which he is now the proprietor. He has won a substantial place among the men of Millway by his honorable methods and hearty spirit, and he has proved his loyalty to local interests on many occasions. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the office of school director for nine years.

Mr. Lane wedded Miss Ann Mary Landis, daughter of Jacob R. and Susan Landis, and to this union have been born two children, Samuel L. and Anna E., both at home.

ROBERT GIRVIN. At the little settlement of Iva, located in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Robert Girvin has been for many years a merchant. He was reared in that vicinity and possessing decided business talents and tastes, he has there developed and exercised them, becoming one of the prominent citizens of the township and one of its benefactors.

Mr. Girvin is named from his grandfather, Robert Girvin, the emigrant, who founded the family in Lancaster county. Some time between the years 1776 and 1780 the latter left his native heath in County Derry, Ireland, and settled in Lancaster county, locating later in Paradise township, about one-half mile west of what is now Iva post-office. Here he purchased a tract of fifty acres, upon which he devoted himself to farming during the balance of his active career and where he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years. He married Miss Mary Smith, a native of Lancaster county, by whom he had a family of nine children, as follows: James, the father of Robert; William, a farmer of Lancaster county; John, a farmer of Lancaster county; Samuel, a farmer of Lancaster county; Daniel, a speculator of Lancaster county; Isaac, a farmer, merchant and justice of the peace; Annie, who married Samuel Rissler; Margaret, who married Peter Niedick; and Sarah, who married Samuel Bowers. Robert and Mary Girvin, the parents, were members of the Presbyterian Church, as were also their children.

James, the eldest, was born in Paradise township in 1797. He was there reared to manhood and there engaged for life in agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm of about 100 acres, and was one of the substantial citizens of the county. He married Miss Nancy Keene, of Eden township, and to them were born the following children: Mary, widow of Benjamin Winters, of Iva; Isaac, a farmer of Paradise township, now deceased; John, a resident of Paradise township; Henry, a farmer of Bart township, now deceased; Samuel, a resident of Paradise township, a lime burner near the Gap; Anna, a resident of Iva; Robert; and Elias, a resident of Lancaster. James, the father of Robert, lived to the age of seventy-one years, and his widow survived him six months only.

Robert Girvin was born on the farm in Paradise





township, June 2, 1837. He was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools. Deciding upon a mercantile career, he spent three years as a clerk and then at the age of twenty-five years he began business on his own account. He was engaged in a general store in Georgetown and later in Strasburg, and in 1868 he started in business as a general merchant at Iva, where he has ever since continued successfully, starting out in business with a general line of goods and so continuing ever since, building up a steady and an increasing trade and becoming one of the representative and public spirited men in that part of Lancaster county, ever ready to lend his aid and influence in the furtherance of enterprises for the public good. In 1884 he secured the location of the post-office, made the name of Iva, and has ever since remained the postmaster. In politics Mr. Girvin affiliates with the Democratic party, and he has served as justice of the peace in Paradise township.

He married, in 1865, Miss Abbie Hamsher, daughter of Anthony Hamsher and a native of Strasburg township. To Robert and Abbie Girvin have been born a family of nine children, namely: Sally; Charles, who married Miss Hattie Hart and is a merchant of Williamsport; Jesse, who married Helen Daly and is a clerk for H. K. Mulford & Co., of Philadelphia; Mary, wife of Albert Althouse, of Quarryville, and mother of one child, Joe; Joe, who is the assistant in his father's store; and four who died in infancy. Mr. Girvin is a member of the Reformed Church of New Providence, and Mrs. Girvin is a member of the Lutheran Church of Strasburg.

MILTON L. WEAVER, one of the enterprising and successful farmers and business men of West Hempfield township, was born in East Lampeter township, this county, Feb. 29, 1860, son of Isaac and Catherine (Barr) Weaver. The father, a prosperous farmer, retired from the old homestead in Lampeter township in 1883, and resided in Lancaster city until his death, Oct. 27, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years. He is buried at Longenecker's meeting-house, in West Lampeter township. His widow, who was born in 1822, is now a resident of Leola. They were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. To Isaac and Catherine Weaver were born the following children: Mary, wife of John F. Girvin, a farmer of Leola; Joseph, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Aaron, a farmer of Manor township; Benjamin, a farmer of Manor township; Milton L., of West Hempfield township, of whom we are particularly writing; Lillie, who died young and Ephraim E., a farmer of Manor township.

Milton L. Weaver was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the neighboring schools. At the age of seventeen years he engaged in farm work with his brother Joseph, with whom he remained ten years. He then began farming for himself in Pequea township, and there conducted the

farm successfully until 1898, when he purchased his present place in West Hempfield township, the property known as Swarr's siding, where he conducts a general line of business in coal, flour, grain, feed, straw, salt, fertilizers, etc. The mill was erected by Harry Swarr in 1886. It is of fifty-horsepower capacity, and its product includes all kinds of feed. Mr. Weaver ranks among the leading young citizens of West Hempfield township.

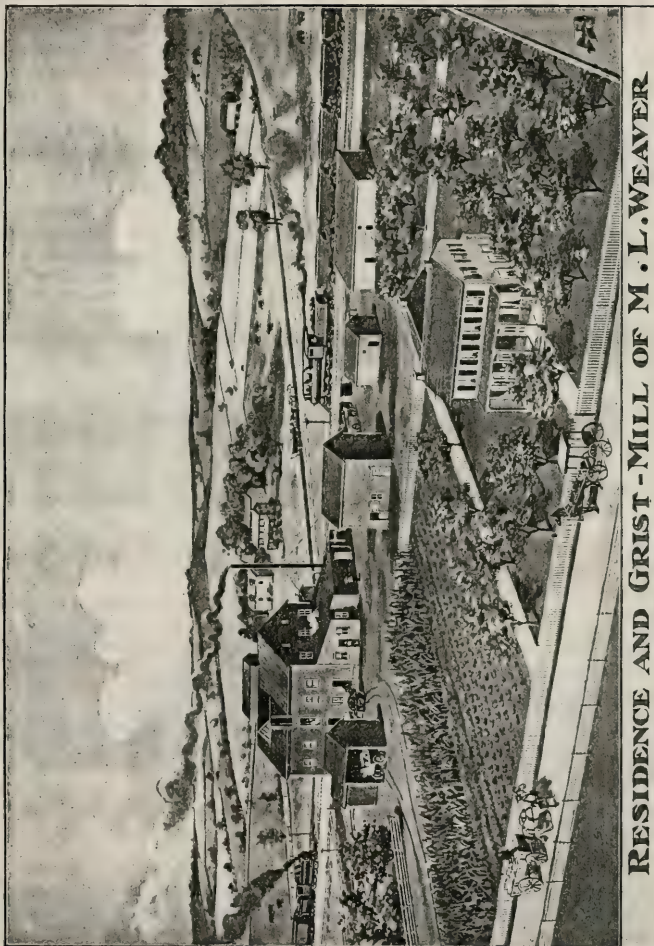
Mr. Weaver was married, in 1889, at West Willow, Pequea township, to Miss Cecilia Christ, and to them have come four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Isaac, Frank, John and Mary. In politics Mr. Weaver is a Republican. Though comparatively young in years he has prospered notably in a business way, combining ripe judgment with industry and progressiveness of action. He is awake to modern improvements in method, while he clings to the sterling principles of the past, and he has thus exemplified in his career the best type of success. He is highly esteemed by his wide circle of acquaintances for his many most estimable qualities.

HENRY STAUFFER MUSSER, late of the firm of Musser & Miller, lumbermen and manufacturers in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in his present home July 16, 1820, a son of Jacob and Martha (Stauffer) Musser, natives of the same township. Jacob Musser was a farmer by calling; he died in December, 1831, at thirty-two years of age, the father of six children, viz.: Henry S.; Anna, deceased wife of Rev. H. N. Graybill, a Dunkard preacher and a farmer; Elizabeth, who died young; Martha, widow of Lewis Lindermonth, of Marietta; Jacob, who also died young; and Abraham, who is living in retirement in Marietta.

Mrs. Martha Musser, who was born August 13, 1802, was next married to John Miller, a farmer, and to this union were born four children, viz.: John, of whom a biography is printed on another page; Joseph, the junior member of the firm of Musser & Miller, whose biography will also be found elsewhere; Isaiah, deceased; and Sarah, wife of John Conley, a retired banker of Lancaster. John Miller, the stepfather of Henry S. Musser, did quite an extensive business as a lumber manufacturer in addition to farming, and operated the mill, afterward owned by Musser & Miller, until his death in 1867, at the age of sixty-one years. Mrs. Martha (Musser) Miller survived until 1885.

Henry Stauffer Musser lived on the home farm until the death of his father, when he went to West Hempfield township and for five years lived on the farm of an uncle, Rev. Hostetter, a Dunkard minister; he then returned to his mother, who by this time had re-married, and lived in the old homestead again until he had reached his majority (1841), when he was awarded his share of his father's estate, which he invested in connection with his stepfather in the lumber business. In 1863 he was





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joined by Mr. Miller in the business which he conducted so successfully up to his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1901, when he was aged eighty years, six months and one day.

Mr. Musser was married in July, 1847, in East Donegal township, to Miss Anna M. Greisinger, and six children crowned this union, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Johnson, of Philadelphia; Stephen, who married Mary Sellers, but is now deceased; Frank, who was killed in December, 1867, when he was thirteen years of age, by a pile of lumber falling upon him in his father's yard; Ada, married to Dr. John J. Steiner, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Stanton, of Columbia, married to May Grier; and Lincoln, member of the firm of Johnson & Musser Seed Co., who married Emma Pomeroy. Mrs. Anna M. (Greisinger) Musser was born Oct. 3, 1828, in Rapho township near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Jacob and Anna M. (Lindersmith) Greisinger, of East Hempfield township and Mt. Joy respectively. Jacob Greisinger was a coachmaker by trade and also followed farming, but lived retired for several years prior to his death, in 1868, at the age of seventy-five years. His widow survived until 1873, when she died at the age of eighty. They were members of River Brethren Church and their remains were buried in the Florin cemetery. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Barbara, widow of Christopher Sherrick, of Mt. Joy; Stephen, a farmer of Rapho township; Anna M., Mrs. Musser; and Sarah M., deceased wife of Henry Gish. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Musser were Stephen and Mary (Brubaker) Greisinger, the former of whom was a farmer near Landisville.

Henry S. Musser, in addition to his lumber business, owns considerable land, which he laid out in town lots, besides other valuable property in close proximity to Marietta borough. He was a director in the First National Bank of Marietta, and also in the Marietta Turnpike Company. He was very well preserved for his years, and seldom had occasion to use spectacles. In politics he was a Republican, and for six years served as county prison inspector. In religion he was a Dunkard, and bore an unblemished reputation for integrity, both in private and business life.

**DAVIS A. BROWN.** of Fulton township, may be well classed among the prominent and substantial men of Lancaster county. He was born in East Earl township, this county, near Terre Hill, Aug. 28, 1830.

Nathan B. Brown, his father, was born in Susquehanna county, Pa., in 1796, and came to Lancaster county when a young man. He died in East Earl township in 1864. In 1818 he married Miss Susannah Gabel, of Berks county, Pa., and they had eight children: Mary A., who is the wife of Isaac Foltz, of Terre Hill, Pa.; W. W. (deceased), an attorney in Lancaster for many years; George W.,

a resident of Philadelphia; Isaiah (deceased), who was a doctor for many years; Davis A.; Levi B., a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Phianna, the wife of Oliver Stephens, of Michigan; and Samuel H., deceased.

Garrett Brown, the grandfather of Davis A., was a native of Susquehanna county. He had the following family: Nathan B., Thomas, John, Robert, Garrett, Margaret and Johnson, of whom the last named still lives in Davenport, Iowa. The old Garrett Brown family founded the town of Browns-ville, in Canada, and some of its members became very wealthy. The family is of Irish stock.

Davis A. Brown married Miss Rachel Patton, of Fayette county, Pa., Nov. 24, 1857. She is a daughter of Thomas Patton, who was of English origin, and who married Emma Harris. They had eight children, namely: four boys—J. Harris, of New York City, an author and historian of note, numbering among his works a history of the United States; R. Johnson, deceased; J. Finley, who lives in the family homestead in Fayette county, Pa.; and Thomas, a real-estate man of Greensburg, Pa.; four daughters—Rebecca Finley, deceased; Sarah, wife of S. W. Boyd, ex-sheriff of Fayette county; Harriet, widow of E. F. Houseman, editor of the Greensburg *Herald*, living at Greensburg; and Rachel. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born the following named children: W. T., the present able district attorney of Lancaster county; Anna R., wife of I. Haines Dickinson, a general merchant of Quarryville, Pa.; Mary, wife of Ira H. Herr, a real estate dealer at Lancaster; Dr. B. L., a druggist and practicing physician at Philadelphia; Clara L., wife of Davis Gillespie, superintendent of mining in West Virginia; Ada, a teacher in the public schools; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Westerhoff, of Ephrata, proprietor of silk mills; and Hampton H., the youngest, a druggist in Philadelphia.

Davis A. Brown was educated in the public schools, for a time taught in the schools of the county, and has been director of schools for his township. In 1866 he received the appointment, under President Johnson, of revenue assessor for the 9th district, Lancaster county, Pa., which office he administered with ability and justice. He is a strong Republican in politics, and religiously is associated with the Presbyterian Church. He is the present justice of the peace of Fulton township, having been once appointed by the Governor and twice elected to that incumbency. Mr. Brown bought his present 200-acre farm in the above named township in 1862. The Brown family is one of the most prominent in the county. The Squire has a family of which he may well be proud, while he himself is one of the most popular and beloved men in his community.

**JACOB B. WISSLER**, now living retired in the village of Lititz, descends from one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.



The first member of this branch of the Wissler family in America sailed with his wife from Germany to Philadelphia in 1720. On the voyage, together with other able-bodied men on the vessel, he was impressed into the naval service by a man-of-war. His wife continued the journey to Philadelphia, where he joined her on the expiration of his term of service. She was employed by a farmer of Germantown and he also took service with a farmer in the same locality, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Andrew Wissler, their son, removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he entered the employ of Jacob Groff, an extensive farmer in what is now Clay township. In 1767 he married the only daughter of his employer, and in this way became the owner of the old Groff homestead, which was taken up in 1724 by John Jacob Groff, father of Jacob. It was divided into four farms by Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, but has ever since remained in the Wissler family. Andrew had two sons, John and Jacob, the former of whom died unmarried.

Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, was born in Clay township in 1778, and was one of the successful farmers of that section, giving his entire attention to agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1850. He had accumulated a fine property at the time of his death, owning four farms. He was one of the old Mennonites of the county. Jacob Wissler in 1800 married Miss Anna Ely, and they were the parents of ten children: Andrew, a farmer and merchant, who died in Michigan; Jacob, the father of Jacob B.; Christian, a miller and farmer; Ezra, a farmer of Clay township; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Landis of Ephrata township; Levi, a farmer and tanner; Samuel, a miller of Canada; Mary, wife of Levi Erb; Catherine, deceased; and John, a tanner, who died in Virginia.

Jacob Wissler was born in Clay township in 1803. He, too, followed farming extensively until one year before his death, when he retired. He was a member of the Old-Mennonite Church. He married Miss Barbara Bomberger, and to them were born five children: Anna, wife of Christian Hess; Jacob B.; Martha, wife of Samuel R. Hess; Mary, wife of Peter B. Rohrer; and Levi, who died when eight years of age.

Jacob B. Wissler was born in Clay township, Sept. 4, 1828. He lived at home until he was twenty-six years of age, during his boyhood attending the common schools. He began life for himself at farming, in Clay township, on one of his father's farms, where he remained twenty-two years, after which he purchased the place where he now resides, and on which he has made extensive improvements: his home is in the village. Mr. Wissler is engaged to some extent in raising tobacco, though he is practically retired. In politics he is a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some years. Mr. Wissler was married Sept. 5, 1854, to Miss Anna R. Brubaker, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Brubaker, and to this union have been born five

children, two of whom died in infancy, and one in childhood. Joseph is a farmer of Clay township. Lizzie is the wife of Christian B. Resser. Mr. and Mrs. Wissler are both members of the Old Mennonite Church. They enjoy the good-will and esteem of all who know them, and Mr. Wissler has always been regarded as one of the representative substantial citizens of the community.

EMANUEL F. HOSTETTER, one of Manheim's most active and enterprising business men, as well as one of its representative citizens, is a native of Lancaster county, born on the Hostetter homestead in Penn township, May 24, 1835, and a son of John and Elizabeth (Forney) Hostetter, now deceased, the former having died in 1865, the latter in 1867.

John Hostetter was a son of Jacob Hostetter, a Mennonite minister, was born and reared on a farm in Penn township and throughout life followed farming. He was also one of the heaviest cattle dealers of his day, and for twenty years was engaged in that business, buying his stock in the West and shipping it to Lancaster county for distribution. He was also one of the most progressive men of his time, was instrumental in securing the building of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad through this section, and became a heavy stockholder in it. For years he was a director in the Lancaster County National Bank, and was one of the organizers of the Manheim National Bank, of which he was also a director. During the '50s he divided his farm between his two sons, John and Ephraim, and purchased the Manheim mill from John Bosler, which he conducted for some ten years, at the same time owning and operating a mill and distillery near Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa. About 1860 he retired from active life and lived quietly in Manheim until his death. Politically he was at first a strong Whig and later a Republican. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Stauffer, by whom he had three children: Henry S., a resident of Penn township, Lancaster county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of J. L. Stehman, of Lititz; and Sarah, widow of Daniel Grosh, of the same place. The father's second wife was Miss Elizabeth Forney, a daughter of John Forney, who lived near Brownstown, and to them were born five children, namely: Emanuel F.; Benjamin, who died in childhood; John F., a farmer, now deceased; Ephraim, who has been proprietor of "Hotel Superior" in Chicago, Ill., since 1890; and Maria, deceased wife of John Kurtz.

Emanuel F. Hostetter was reared on the home farm until fourteen years of age, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, completing his education, however, by one term at Lititz Academy. Coming to Manheim at the age of fifteen, he entered the store of John Schaeffer as clerk, and remained in his employ two years, at the end of which time he went to Lancaster and worked eighteen months for David Bear, a merchant of that place.





Having a desire to see something of the country, he then went west to Illinois, and located in Freeport, where he spent eight years, clerking in a dry goods store two years. For one year he was engaged in the grain business with Joseph S. Brubaker and John Slott, as a member of the firm of Slott, Hostetter & Brubaker; for two years he conducted a grocery establishment, and then engaged in the real estate business for the remainder of his stay in Freeport. In 1860 Mr. Hostetter returned to Manheim, Pa., but for one year operated his father's mill in Perry county, this State. Since then he has made his home permanently in Manheim and has been prominently identified with its business interests. He established the first coal yard here, but after conducting it one year he sold out to a Mr. Kline; the yard is now owned by B. H. Hershey. He was next engaged for two years in mercantile business at Lancaster, under the firm name of Hostetter & Bruner, selling out at the end of that time in order that he might settle up the estates left by his father and father-in-law. After two years devoted to that, he embarked in the manufacture of brick at Manheim, opening in 1865 the second yard established here, and he has since engaged in that business. From 1867 until 1899 he also conducted a store in Manheim, carrying a line of clothing, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods, but in May of the latter year he disposed of his stock. Since 1885 he has been interested in the livery business in Manheim, and for the past quarter of a century has engaged in the cultivation of tobacco. He is a good type of the energetic, wide-awake and progressive man.

In 1858 Mr. Hostetter was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Ensminger, a daughter of Samuel Ensminger, who at that time was treasurer of Lancaster county. Three children were born of this union, but two died in infancy. Vennetta, the only one now living, is the wife of H. C. Stauffer, teller in the Manheim National Bank.

Religiously Mr. Hostetter is a member of the Reformed Church; socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is a staunch Republican. He keeps abreast of the times and is thoroughly up-to-date in all respects. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty that devolves upon him, and gives his support to every enterprise for the public good.

**JOSEPH K. NEWCOMER**, a progressive farmer of Manor township, with his home on his neat farm of thirty-six acres three miles southeast of Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on the homestead of which he now owns a part, Nov. 18, 1834, and until twenty-six years of age he devoted his services to his parents and then began operations on his own account on his present property.

On Nov. 18, 1860, Joseph K. Newcomer married Miss Elizabeth Rohrer, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Rohrer, of Manor township. This lady died

in 1867, leaving two children, Ephraim, a miller, now in West Hempfield township, and Emma, wife of Amos Doerster, of Manor township. Joseph K. Newcomer next married, in 1872, Miss Elizabeth Seitz, daughter of Rev. George Seitz, of Manor township, and this union has also been blessed with two children: D. Vernon, a prominent school teacher of Elizabethtown; and Harry S., married to Miss Ella M. Warfel, a school teacher of Conestoga township and a daughter of Aldus C. Warfel, of Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Newcomer is a devoted and consistent member of the Mennonite Church, to which he has always given freely and cheerfully of his means, and he has ever been one of the leading and progressive farmers of his township, his surroundings giving ample evidence of his thrift and excellent management. No man in the township is more highly respected, and no one is more justly entitled to the esteem derived from a long and useful life in the community.

**JAMES WOOD**. Among the representative families of Lancaster county none have stood in higher public estimation through generations than that of Wood. Far back in the time of William Penn the emigrant ancestor of the family started from his home, in Lancashire, England, with his wife and sons, William and Joseph, to find a home with other Quaker families in Pennsylvania. On the passage another son was born, who was named Richmond.

Joseph Wood was a son of Thomas and his children were Thomas, Joseph, Jesse, Lydia, Elizabeth, David, John and Day, and of this family, Jesse became the grandfather of James, of this sketch. By a first marriage Jesse Wood had two sons, John and Day; and by a second marriage, one son, James.

James Wood was born July 17, 1821, and died Aug. 9, 1894. In 1845 he was married to Mercy M. Carter, who was born Nov. 29, 1822, and who still resides in Little Britain township. This union resulted in the birth of eight children: Alfred, a farmer in Fulton township; Susan, the wife of Elwood H. Townsend, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; Jesse, a farmer in Little Britain township; Mary, deceased wife of Davis E. Allen, a farmer of Avondale, Chester county; Lucretia, who is the wife of John W. Smedley of Chester county; Lewis, a farmer of Little Britain township; Ida, who died unmarried; and James, of this biography. Sketches are also given of Alfred, Jesse and Lewis. James Wood was one of the leading men in his part of Lancaster county, most highly esteemed both in public and private life. For many years he was the president of the Farmers National Bank of Oxford, was county commissioner, and one of the most public-spirited citizens of his part of the State. During a great part of his life he was the administrator of many estates and the trusted guardian of children. Every duty was performed with the integrity of





*Saml. M. Myers*





character for which he was so well known. No more respected man ever lived in Little Britain township than the strict Quaker, James Wood. His descendants are many and worthily represent the stock from which they have sprung.

James Wood, the son, has been a farmer all his life. He is one of the present auditors of the township and an active Republican of the locality. His farm is one of the best and most valuable in the vicinity and displays evidences of the prosperity and good taste of its occupants.

The first marriage of James Wood was to Philena C. Boyd, on Jan. 11, 1887, a daughter of William C. Boyd, of Martic township, and her death occurred Sept. 28, 1892. His second marriage was to Elizabeth K. Fite on March 24, 1896; she was born Dec. 14, 1860, and was a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Fite, of Little Britain township. Samuel Fite was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was born in 1825, and now resides with his daughter and her husband. The mother was born March 21, 1824, and died Jan. 27, 1892. Both James and Elizabeth K. Wood are consistent members of the Society of Friends and are among the most hospitable and highly esteemed residents of Little Britain.

SLATER F. BROWN, of Fulton township, Lancaster county, was born March 28, 1841, son of Elisha and Rachel W. (Bradway) Brown. The family is of English stock. The father was born Dec. 12, 1814, and died in 1859. The mother was born Dec. 21, 1818, in Chester county, Pa., and their marriage occurred in 1840; five children were born to them, as follows: Slater F.; Mary E., wife of William Pugh, of Chester county; Thomas B., a banker and real estate dealer in West Chester, Pa.; Charles H., deceased; Walter W., cashier of the West Grove National Bank, and a much esteemed citizen of West Grove, Chester county, who died Feb. 6, 1902.

Slater Brown, the grandfather of Slater F., was one of the leading citizens of his time. He was a brother to Hon. Jeremiah Brown, a district judge of Lancaster county, and a member of Congress from 1840 to 1844. Slater Brown was the father of four children: Elisha (the father of our subject), Rachel, Jeremiah and Mary, all of whom are deceased except Mary, who now resides in Lancaster City.

Slater F. Brown married Miss Charlotte M. Howell, daughter of John Howell, of Philadelphia, and this marriage has been blessed with the following children: Lawrence F., born July 30, 1872, unmarried and in business in Atlantic City; Thomas C., born Aug. 5, 1874, who died at the age of twenty-five years, unmarried; Rachel W., born June 7, 1877, residing at home; Charles H., born Sept. 14, 1881, unmarried and living in Philadelphia; Merton E., born May 16, 1885. The mother of this family was born Jan. 14, 1851.

Mr. Brown owns a fine farm of 115 acres, well improved and stocked, which is in a high state of

cultivation, showing every evidence of care and good management. In political sentiment Mr. Brown is a Republican, but he has never desired or sought to hold office. He is a member of the Society of Friends, is an honored and highly esteemed citizen, and because of his many excellent qualities his friendship and acquaintance is sought by all the best men in the community.

SAMUEL MONTEBACH MYERS, for years head of the firm of Myers & Rathfon, the leading clothiers of Lancaster, now head of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., because of the retirement of Mr. Rathfon, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family, both paternally and maternally. His grandfather, Jacob Myers, was born in Lancaster county, and passed his entire life here.

Frederick Myers, the father of Samuel M., was a well-known tailor of Manheim. He married Elizabeth Montebach, a native of Warwick township, this county, and a representative of a pioneer family. Eleven children blessed this union, four of whom are living: Margaret, widow of William Thatcher, of Newtown, Rapho township; Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Scholl, of Lancaster; Andrew, a grain dealer of Turon, Kans.; and Samuel M., whose name introduces this sketch.

Samuel Montebach Myers was born in Newtown, Rapho township, Oct. 11, 1824. His education was received in the schools of the district. Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, young Myers became an apprentice to the dry-goods business in Columbia, and from there went to Mt. Joy, where for a time he was salesman in a store. He then entered trade on his own account, as a member of the firm of Arndt, Bechtold & Myers, continuing thus until he was elected by the Republicans of Lancaster county to the position of clerk of the Orphans' court, when, with his wife, whom he had married in Mt. Joy, he came to Lancaster, where he has since resided. After serving intelligently and faithfully in the office mentioned, Mr. Myers bought out a clothing store in Lancaster, and at the end of the first year associated with himself, as partner, Jacob Rathfon. This partnership existed for an ordinary lifetime, and was far more than ordinarily successful. For a time the firm carried on the clothing trade in Center Square, and then built the large and elegant establishment at No. 12 East King street, at that time one of the most notable business structures in Lancaster, and even in these days of fine industrial mercantile structures in the city equalled by few of the finest buildings.

Politically Mr. Myers has always been an earnest, staunch and devoted Republican, and in recognition of his devotion to party principles and party interests he was elected county commissioner for three terms (in addition to clerk of the Orphans' court), served a term as member of the common branch of the city councils from the old Northeast



ward, and was strongly urged by thousands of Republicans for member of Congress from this district, and also for mayor of the city.

Mr. Myers has been twice married. His first wife was Anna Mary Dysart, daughter of the late Robert Dysart, ex-coroner of Lancaster county. By this union seven children were born, three of whom are living: Ella C., wife of A. W. Hime, who is in the clothing business in Reading; Margie, wife of Walter W. Hollinger, superintendent of the real estate department of Myers & Rathfon, and now a member of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., and Anna Bertha, at home. The mother of these died in January, 1890, and in November, 1900, Mr. Myers married Miss Cornelia Christie, of Cecil county, Maryland.

Associated with Mr. Rathfon Mr. Myers has built fully one hundred dwelling-houses in Lancaster, including his own elegant home on North Duke street, and the substantial and commodious store building on East King street. Besides all this property, Mr. Myers owns a handsome cottage at Ocean Grove, where he has spent his summers for the past thirty years, and is a member of the board of control of the Ocean Grove Association. In religious circles he is an enthusiastic worker, and is a trustee and class-leader of the First M. E. Church of Lancaster. He was not only one of the promoters, but he contributed one-tenth of the entire cost, of the magnificent new church on North Duke street. He was at one time a member of the board of managers of the Landisville Camp Meeting Association; was twice delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist church, and served as a member of the board of stewards of the Philadelphia Conference for some years. Indeed, there is no more earnest, more liberal or more prominent Methodist in the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to his church work, which next to the devotion to his family is the mainspring of his life, Mr. Myers is a Knight Templar in Masonry, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and vice-president of the Lancaster Trust Co. In brief, there is no name in Lancaster more widely known or more greatly respected than that of Samuel M. Myers.

**JOSEPH P. AMBLER.** In every locality where agricultural life is at its best, may be found a number of most estimable citizens, who, after lives of unusual activity, have settled down to enjoy advancing years in ease amid the comforts which their early industry has provided. One of the fine farms near Goshen, Pa., in Fulton township, Lancaster county, is owned and occupied, although no longer operated, by such a man, Joseph P. Ambler.

The Ambler family is one of those which has materially assisted in the settlement and development of the State of Pennsylvania. Some time early in the last century three brothers of this name came from across the Atlantic, one of whom, Edward, became the founder of the family in Lancaster county,

and from this ancestor came: Andrew, Edward, William, Elizabeth, the wife of John Rutter, and Ann, the wife of Israel Chills.

William Ambler, the father of Joseph P. Ambler, was born in 1780, and died in 1862, after a most exemplary life, filled with generous and benevolent deeds. In 1817 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Penrose, who was born in Bucks county, Pa., and both she and her husband were through life consistent members of the Society of Friends. They reared a family of eight children: Adaline, who was born Nov. 26, 1818, and married James Smedley, of Fulton township, both deceased; Joseph P., mentioned below; Owen, born June 10, 1822, deceased; Thomas E., born in 1824, who died March 27, 1894; Louis and David, who died in childhood, in Montgomery county; Edward and Ann, twins, born in 1827, in Drumore township.

Joseph P. Ambler was born Jan. 18, 1820, a son of William and Elizabeth (Penrose) Ambler, the former of whom was a native of Montgomery county, and the latter of Bucks county, Pa., of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His education was received in the best schools afforded by the time and place, and he was brought up to the duties of farm life. In those days the greater part of the labor was done by hand, much of the machinery now in use having never been yet thought of, so that when young Joseph started out to make a career for himself, it was with but seventy-five cents in money, but with a large and complete knowledge, gained through experience, of the management of crops and the raising of cattle.

Spending his money to enable him to cross the Susquehanna river, Joseph Ambler sought farm work, soon found it, and so honest and industrious was he and so thorough was his knowledge, that he was soon able to command higher wages than were paid to less useful workers, and here he laid the foundations of a fortune, unusually large to have been acquired through industry alone. A consistent member of the Society of Friends, he has never engaged in speculative enterprises, and stands before his community specially honored and esteemed. His present possessions comprise two excellent farms in Fulton township and one in Martic township, aggregating 250 acres of valuable land, all of these being improved with commodious barns and comfortable dwellings; a fine mill property, which is of considerable value; while aside from these he has some \$20,000 at interest. Joseph Ambler is also financially interested in the Quarryville National Bank, at Quarryville, Pa., being both a director and a stockholder, and he is one of the leading men in all of the important and progressive enterprises of his locality. As a proof of his substantial position, if proof were needed, Mr. Ambler is the largest tax payer in Fulton township.

In 1848 Joseph P. Ambler was married to Elizabeth Smedley, who was born in 1824, and died April 10, 1890; she was a daughter of Eli Smedley,





a farmer of Fulton township. Seven children were born to this union: Leander, who died in childhood; Lydia, who also died in childhood; Laura, who married Alfred Jewell, of Chester county; Alva, born March 8, 1860, who died Sept. 7, 1881; Sarah, who married Walter P. Reynolds, of Oxford, Pa.; Eli, who died in infancy; and Charles, who married Lulu Scott, of Little Britain, and resides on the home farm.

In politics Mr. Ambler has been a consistent member of the Republican party, and throughout his life has exerted his influence in favor of law, order and good citizenship. A man of temperate habits, he has set an example to those who follow him. No citizens are more thoroughly representative of the best agriculturists of his county than himself and son, and none are more highly esteemed.

**JOHN W. SHOWAKER**, a prominent farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Paradise township, Aug. 7, 1842, a son of John and Margaret (Ryland) Showaker, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, where he was born in 1793, and his wife in 1798.

John Showaker was a son of Godfrey Showaker, who was born in Germany and settled in Montgomery county, where he and his wife died, leaving a family of three children, John, Henry and Catherine. Henry died unmarried in Montgomery county. Catherine married John Brooker and settled in Germantown, where she died, leaving a family of children.

John Showaker was married in Montgomery county in 1832. He came to Sadsbury township, where he was engaged some years as a farmer. Then he moved into Paradise township, and he lived there until 1848. That year he bought the present farm home of his family near Nickel Mines, in Bart township. There he made substantial improvements, put up a brick house, connecting with the house already built, and there he remained until his death in 1858. He left a widow who died in 1881. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and led honorable and upright lives. In politics he was a Whig. They had three children. (1) Catherine was born in Montgomery county in 1820, and was reared in Lancaster county, where she married James Martin, of Bart township. He was a civil engineer, and had a home in Germantown, where both died, she in 1896 and he some years previously. (2) Laura, born in 1821, married James Brown, of Bart township; they are now living in Georgetown, Lancaster county, and have one son, J. W., who is married, and settled on a farm in the same county. (3) John W.

The mother of John W. Showaker before her marriage was Margaret Ryland, a native of Montgomery county. She was a daughter of Andrew and Phoebe (Burkett) Ryland, who came of English parentage, and were old settlers of Montgomery county, dating back to Revolutionary times.

John W. Showaker received his education in the home schools, and remained at home with his parents as long as they lived, succeeding to the possession of the farm. He has continued farming to the present time.

John W. Showaker was married in Jan., 1874, to Kate A., a daughter of James P. and Anna (Mannahan) Russell. The Russell family has been long and favorably known in Lancaster county. James Russell, was born in Carlisle, Pa., in 1814; he was a saddler by trade, and carried on business in Georgetown, until his death, Jan. 1, 1888. His wife, who is still living in Georgetown, was born in Bart township in 1820. Her parents, James and Rebecca Mannahan, were also natives of this county. James and Anna Russell had the following children: Phillip, a resident of Genesee, N. Y.; Kate A., wife of John W. Showaker; Rebecca, at home unmarried; James M., in Georgetown; Daniel H., at home; Henrietta D., at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Showaker settled at the old home, and to them have come five children: Margaret Showaker, unmarried, at home; James R. Showaker, at home; John, who married Miss Martha Rice, a lady of Bart township, lives at the home of his father, and has one daughter, Elsie; Anna and William are unmarried and at home. Religiously this family has been very largely connected with the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Showaker is a Republican.

John W. Showaker is a well-to-do and prosperous citizen, and is highly spoken of among the people of this township, where his industrious and useful life has been passed for so many years.

**WILLIAM S. MARTIN**, in his lifetime a prominent farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born there May 8, 1832, his parents being Samuel and Jane (Rankin) Martin. The Martin family has long been associated with the history of the county, and its various representatives have been people of character and worth.

Samuel Martin was born near the present home of the family in 1795, and his wife, Jane Rankin, in Chester county, the preceding year. Her parents were James and Susannah Rankin, and their home was in Highland township, Chester county, where they took a prominent place in the community. He was a sturdy advocate of temperance in an early day, and is remembered as among the first to banish liquor from the harvest field.

Samuel Martin was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin, who came from Ireland, and settled in Colerain township, where they became the parents of four children: James, Samuel, Isabella, and Sarah who married William Mackey. The last-named had three sons, who became Presbyterian ministers, James, Elkana, and William. James Mackey was a missionary to Africa, and died in New London, Chester county.

James Martin married Eliza Morrison, and set-



tled on the old home farm in Colerain township, where he died in 1857, leaving a family of children, all of whom have removed to other sections of the country. Samuel Martin settled on a part of his father's estate, where he died in April, 1865. His widow, Jane Rankin, died Nov. 17, 1876. They were stanch Presbyterians, and were active supporters of their faith. Mr. Martin was a strong anti-slavery man, and he and Abner Davis, at one time were the only ones in that section to vote the Anti-slavery ticket. In after years he was a strong Republican. Samuel Martin and wife left four children. (1) James R., who was born in 1820, died in 1850, unmarried. (2) William S. (3) Elijah, born in 1834, married Miss Lydia Thompson, and settled on the old homestead in Colerain township, where he died in 1893; his wife died in Aug., 1874. They left seven children: Samuel, living near Christiana, Lancaster county; Sarah, a resident of Philadelphia, and unmarried; Mary, married to Benjamin Carter, of Sadsbury township; Ella, a teacher of Lancaster county; Belle wife of Reese Evenson, of Smyrna, Lancaster county; Harriet, married to Callie Scott, of Christiana; and Susan, deceased. (4) Susanna, the only daughter of Samuel and Jane Martin, was born in March, 1836, and married John Coulter, a farmer of Bart township by whom were three children: the eldest Rankin Martin, married to Anna Long; Elizabeth, married to Robert Lesley Patterson; and Mabel, at home.

William Martin, whose name introduces this article, was a student at the select school of Thomas Baker, as well as in the public schools of Colerain township. He was married March 17, 1857, to Joanna, a daughter of Christopher and Mary Quigley Davis.

Christopher Davis was born in this county in 1805, and his wife Mary Quigley Davis was born in Chester county in 1807. They were married in May, 1820, and settled on a farm in Colerain township, where they spent their lives. Mrs. Davis died at this home in 1840, and he passed away in April, 1865, leaving four children. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a stanch Republican, and a strong temperance advocate.

Of the children of Christopher Davis and wife, (1) Joanna was born in April, 1831, and received her education at Kennett Square, in the Ladies Seminary, and at the State Normal in Millersville. She became a teacher and for eight years taught in the public schools of Lancaster and Chester counties. (2) Elizabeth, born in Aug., 1834, married John McGowan, of Lancaster county; they settled in Sadsbury township, where she died in 1867, leaving two children, Elva and Joanna, who married William Tompson, who is now dead. (3) John James born in 1837, was reared in Lancaster county, and when a young man he went to Ohio, where he married Miss Barbara Kirkwood. They live in Caldwell county, Mo., where he is a leading stock dealer. They have

one son, William S. (4) William died in young manhood.

William Martin settled on the present home of the family, shortly after his marriage. In 1850 he put up a home, and later constructed enlarged barn and shed accommodations. Here he died in Aug., 1893, leaving a widow and seven living children, two dying in childhood: (1) R. Finney, born at the old family homestead in 1858, married Miss Effie Gibson, of Chester county, and lives on his farm in Chester county. His wife died, leaving him three children: Virginia, Chester and Roy. The second Mrs. Martin was born Rebecca Lewis, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of one child, Thomas. (2) Martha K., born in Colerain in 1860, married George Moffatt and now resides in Scranton, Pa., where he is engaged in business as an electrical engineer. (3) Elizabeth B. Martin, born in 1863, was educated in the Millersville State Normal with her sister Martha, and lives at home, unmarried. (4) Jane K. Martin was born at the present home of the family, and is still at home unmarried. (5) Arrabell R. and (6) May died with diphtheria, in childhood. (7) Thaddeus S. Martin, is unmarried, and is a clerk and bookkeeper in a business house in Philadelphia. (8) Joseph Davis, born at the family home, is single, and has charge of the home farm. (9) Maud Martin, born in 1877, attended the State Normal in Chester county, from which she was graduated in the class of 1897, and after teaching five years in the public schools of Delaware county, married Robert Treat Hogg, son of William H. and Esther (Hastings) Hogg, of Colerain, Lancaster county.

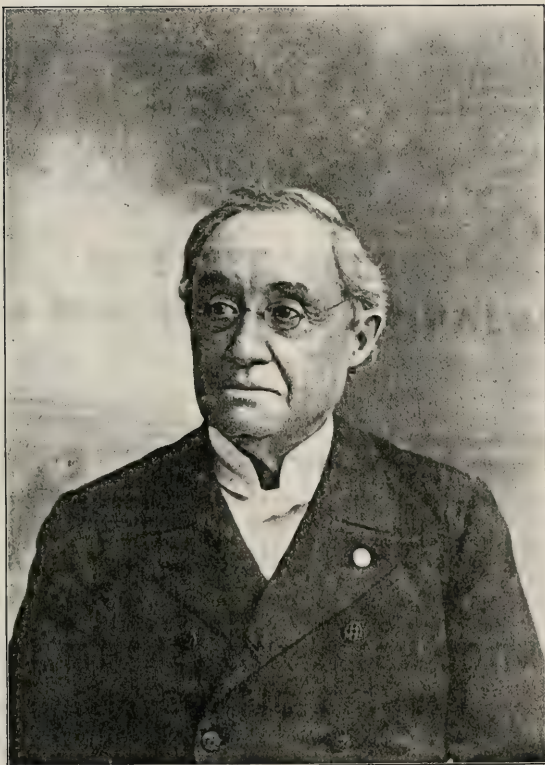
Mr. Martin and his wife were connected with the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID MYERS, one of the leading men of Strasburg township, is a worthy representative of one of the old settlers of Lancaster county. Grandfather John Myers, with his estimable wife, Polly (Creamer) Myers, came many years ago from his home in Germany and settled in this county, becoming one of the large landholders and successful farmers, and leaving behind them, at death, the record of worthy lives. Most especially was Grandmother Myers, who lived a beautiful life for eighty years, beloved by the community for her deeds of neighborly kindness, and her loving care over the children who ever found in her a sympathetic friend. She survived her husband thirty years, and was the devoted mother of these children: Sophia, who died unmarried; Sally, who married Henry Reminsky; Polly, who died unwedded; Fannie, who married John Graham; John, a farmer of Strasburg township; Frederick, a farmer of Bart township; David; and Benjamin, who died early.

David Myers, father of the subject of this biography, was always a farmer of Eden township, where he became a man of property and prominence, and faithfully served as township supervisor, being







*J. L. Ziegler*



trusted and esteemed by his fellow-citizens. His marriage had been to Mary Homsher, who lived to the age of fifty-one, and became the mother of ten children: Abraham and Eliza, twins, the former now a resident of Lancaster City, the latter deceased at the age of twenty-one; Samuel, a farmer of Eden township; Jacob, a resident of Eden; Mary, deceased, the wife of John Johnson, also deceased; Fannie, the widow of Jacob Readman, a farmer of Bart township; Margaret, late wife of Robert Swisher, deceased; David; Henry, deceased, a farmer of Bart township; Julia, the youngest, the wife of Dr. Keeley, of Georgetown, in Bart township.

David Myers (2) was born in what now is Eden township, on April 11, 1828, a son of David and Mary (Homsher) Myers. He was brought up on his father's farm in early boyhood, and was educated in both subscription and public schools. At the age of sixteen, as his services were not needed at home, he engaged with neighboring farmers at work, by the month, his father receiving his wages until he was twenty-one. When David Myers started out for himself, he continued to engage in agricultural labor, finding plenty of employment, both by the day and by the month, and soon accumulated money which he wisely saved, using it at a later date in the purchase of land. When about twenty-five years old he married, and then purchased a small farm in Strasburg township, but he later disposed of it, first renting and then purchasing the farm upon which he has since resided. This farm became Mr. Myers' property in 1872; it contains sixty-five acres of very valuable land, and here he followed general farming, with such excellent results that in 1896 he was able to retire from active life and enjoy the rest earned by a long season of industry.

The marriage of David Myers took place Dec. 11, 1852, to Mary A. Wirth, a daughter of Powell Wirth. She was born in 1826, in Germany, where she lived until the age of nine; she died Jan. 22, 1899, the devoted and unselfish mother of a family of eleven children. (1) Henry, born in Sept., 1853, is a farmer of Chester county, Pa., married Clara Edwards, and has these children, David, Aaron, Mary, Mattie, Benjamin, Harry, Allan and Elias. (2) John, born in Sept., 1856, is a farmer of Paradise township, married Frances McCleary, and has these children, Harry, Annie, David, May, Lizzie, Ada and Frank. (3) Elam, born in March, 1858, is a carpenter, residing in Lancaster City, married May Keeley, and has these children, Estella, Paul, Iva, Helen and Jerome. (4) Annie, born in March, 1859, married Jacob Weaver, of Bart township, and has these children, Mary and Ross. (5) Mattie, born in August, 1863, married George Wirth, a farmer of Bart township, and has these children, Annie, Mary, Kate, John, Martha, Sadie, George, Gertrude and Clayton. (6) Katie, born in March, 1866, married John Burkholder, of Strasburg borough, and has two children, Jacob and Edna. (7)

Elias, born Oct. 13, 1867, lives on the farm where he and all his children were born. He married Mary Snyder, and has these children, Nellie, Aaron, Ross, Clarence, Maud and Anna Mary. (8) Sarah, born in Sept., 1870, married Henry Kreider, a farmer of Bart township, and has three children, Elva, Frank and Blanch. (9) Margaret was born Jan. 2, 1872, and died the following August. (10) David was born in May, 1860, and died May 13, 1864, just four years old to a day. (11) Louisa, born April 3, 1865, died Aug. 6, 1865.

Surrounded by his numerous descendants, Mr. Myers is almost like a patriarch of old, and it doubtless gives him much comfort and satisfaction to know that the greater number cling to the old religious faith in which he and his beloved wife so carefully reared them. For many years he has been a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church, and is most highly esteemed and respected, while the whole family is regarded as one which fairly can be said to represent the best class of citizens in their part of Lancaster county.

JACOB LINDEMUTH ZIEGLER, M. D., has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Mt. Joy for a period of fifty-eight years, though of late he has given over the more arduous work to his son, who has been in partnership with him for some time. There has been no more appreciative witness to the many changes which have taken place in Lancaster county during his long life than Dr. Ziegler, and he has given practical and substantial encouragement to many of the most important improvements.

The Doctor was born Nov. 17, 1822, in East Donegal township, this county, at the old family home on the banks of the Susquehanna river, a little west of Rowena. He is of Swiss ancestry in the paternal line, his great-grandfather, who was one of the earliest white settlers in Manor township, having been a native of the "Mountain Republic." Conrad and Magdalena (Schock) Ziegler, grandparents of the Doctor, were born in Manor township, and after their marriage settled in East Donegal township, where they passed the remainder of their days. He was a farmer by occupation. Their children were Mrs. Henry Strickler; Jacob; Mrs. Lewis Lindemuth; Martha, Mrs. Joseph Strickler, of York county; and Conrad, who married Miss Schoch. Mr. Ziegler died in 1831, his wife in 1826, and their remains rest in Peck's cemetery, in East Donegal township.

Jacob Ziegler, the Doctor's father, was born in Manor township and passed the greater part of his life in East Donegal township, where he engaged in farming until he retired, some seven years before his death. He was a successful man, accumulated a comfortable competence, and was one of the directors of the Lancaster County Bank. He married Barbara Lindemuth, a native of East Donegal township, who survived him, passing away in 1873.





at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His death occurred in Maytown in 1870, when he was aged eighty-six. Both are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Maytown. Mrs. Ziegler was a member of the Lutheran Church. Of the children born to this worthy couple, David died when two years old. Martha, now residing in Maytown, is the widow of Dr. Shireman, of East Donegal township. Jacob L. is the subject proper of these lines. Barbara (deceased) was the wife of John S. Mann, who is a farmer of Manor township. Anna married M. M. Hoffman, of East Donegal township. Mrs. Barbara Ziegler was descended from German stock, her grandfather having been a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to this country in 1764, settling in East Donegal township, where he was one of the earliest pioneers. He engaged in farming. Peter Lindemuth, Mrs. Ziegler's father, was born in East Donegal township, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Wolfe. Mr. Lindemuth followed farming there until he retired, shortly before his death, which occurred in 1830. He and his wife passed their last days in the home now occupied by Dr. Ziegler, and they are buried in Mt. Joy cemetery. Their family consisted of seven children, Jacob, Peter, Barbara (Mrs. Ziegler), Christiana (Mrs. Long), John, George and Lewis.

Jacob L. Ziegler lived on the farm until he was thirteen years old, and received his early instruction in the local public schools. Thereafter he pursued his literary studies in Rev. Mr. Simpson's Institute, at Marietta, John Beck's Academy, at Lititz, and the Mt. Joy Institute. He taught school one season, in 1839-40, and in 1840 took up the study of medicine, reading with Dr. Nathaniel Watson, of Donegal Springs, for the next four years. Meantime, in 1842-43-44, he also attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1844. He continued with his preceptor until Aug. 5, that year, when he came to Mt. Joy, where he has ever since remained. Dr. Ziegler has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens, in both professional and private life, and he has been the recipient of many honors, especially in medical circles. He is a valued member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, of which he was twice elected president; a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of which he was elected vice-president in 1879, and president in 1881; a member of the Society of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia, of which he has been president five terms, and is still serving, having been re-elected in November, 1901; a member of the Pathological Society, Philadelphia; and of the American Medical Association. Since 1886 the Doctor has been surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railway Company.

In 1862 Dr. Ziegler was sworn in as a private in Co. E, 10th P. V. I., and sent to Hagerstown, Md., where he was detailed in his professional capacity. He returned home after a few weeks' serv-

ice. The Doctor holds membership in the G. A. R.

Though his duties as a general practitioner over a wide field have been arduous, Dr. Ziegler has found time to indulge his literary tastes, which have taken him particularly into the field of history and genealogy. In this connection he is a zealous member of the Lancaster Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Presbyterian Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, and the Forestry Society, and he is a recognized authority in local history. His chronicles are reliable, and well set forth. Since 1875 the Doctor has been collecting data for a history of Donegal Church, which has been recently published. In 1880 he was honored by Lafayette College with the degree of A. M.

Dr. Ziegler has attended the Donegal Church since 1840, and has been on the membership list since 1845. He is an elder at present and has never slurred his part in the benevolent work of the congregation. Though not particularly active in public affairs, at any rate as an office holder, the Doctor served two years, 1861-62, as Burgess of Mt. Joy. He is a Republican in political sentiment. All in all, he has played a useful part in the community where his lot has been cast, and he has commanded the highest esteem from all with whom he has been associated.

On April 18, 1848, Dr. Ziegler was married, at his present home in Mt. Joy, to Miss Harriet B. Patterson, who was born in Rapin township, this county, daughter of Col. James and Mary (Watson) Patterson. They were natives, respectively, of Rapho and East Donegal townships, and passed their latter days retired in Mt. Joy, dying in the home now occupied by Dr. Ziegler. Mrs. Ziegler passed away July 9, 1900, in her eighty-third year, and her remains rest in the Donegal Church cemetery. She was the mother of the following named children: James P., M. D., who practices with his father; Walter M. L., M. D., of Philadelphia; J. Stanley, who is in the Government employ at Washington, D. C.; Thomas M. B., ticket, freight and express agent at Luray, Va.; and Mary R., who died at the age of eight years. The sons are all unmarried.

CHRISTIAN EBY, deceased. The Eby family is one of the oldest and best known in Lancaster county, and among its noted representatives a century ago was Bishop Peter Eby. Christian was the second son of this well known bishop and was born on the homestead at Eby's Curve in Salisbury township, Aug. 22, 1795. He was a life-long farmer and remained on a portion of the old homestead until 1847, when he removed to Strasburg township and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1877, aged eighty-one years. He was a man of superior mental and moral attainments, though quiet and unostentatious in manner. Before the free school system was established he took a deep interest in the cause of education and served in the ca-



capacity of trustee. But though public-spirited, progressive and the strong advocate of law and order, he was content to live his own quiet, individual life, and did not seek public office nor public prominence. When a young man he married Miss Rebecca Witwer, a native of Earl township, daughter of David and Mary (Rife) Witwer. To Christian and Rebecca Eby were born a family of twelve children, namely: Mariah, widow of Henry Brackbill, residing in Paradise township, south of Leaman Place; Margaret, who died unmarried, at the age of seventy-two years; David, who resides on the old homestead in Strasburg township; Elizabeth, unmarried; Levi, a resident of Lancaster city; Rebecca, wife of Henry Rohrer, of Hagerstown, Md.; Samuel, a sketch of whom appears below; Benjamin, a resident of East Lampeter township; Catherine, wife of Emanuel Neff, a resident of Strasburg township; Emanuel; Peter, who was killed in childhood; and Anna, who died in infancy. The parents were devout members of the Mennonite Church.

**SAMUEL EBY**, son of Christian and Rebecca Eby, was born April 19, 1834, in Salisbury township. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of Salisbury and Strasburg townships. At the age of twenty-two years he began his own individual career by taking a farm in Strasburg township to work on shares. Later he purchased from his father a farm of 117 acres in Bart township. This he operated for a period of six years, when he sold it and removed to Nottoway county, Va., purchasing a farm there and occupying it for ten years. Returning to Lancaster county, he re-engaged in farming, locating first in Strasburg township and managing the J. F. Herr farm for two years. After one year spent on a farm in East Lampeter township, he moved to the old Eby homestead at Eby's Curve, where he resided for seven years. He then removed to the B. J. Leckler farm, north of the Gap, where he remained for five years. Making public sale of his effects, he spent one year on a small farm of twelve acres and then in 1896 came to Paradise village and engaged in the coal, feed and lumber business, as partner in the firm of Buckwalter & Eby. Three years later Mr. Buckwalter, the junior partner, withdrew and Mr. Eby's son became associated with him, the firm name changing to Eby & Son. The business was established by Adam K. Witmer & Bro., about the time the Pennsylvania road was completed. The present firm do a general warehouse business and Mr. Eby gives it his entire attention. He possesses superior business ability and moreover possesses that broad view of life which looks to the general weal of the community in which he lives. He is one of the most public spirited men in this part of the county, and not only gives passive assent, but active and influential co-operation to enterprises and measures for the public good.

He is highly respected for his many estimable qualities and ranks high in influence and worth.

He married in January, 1856, Miss Mary Ann Eshenshade, daughter of Adam and Mary (Kreider) Eshenshade. Mr. and Mrs. Eby are the parents of three children, Kezia, Phares E., and Elizabeth. Kezia is the wife of Henry Pickel, who conducts the stage line between Lancaster and Paradise and resides at Paradise Village. Phares E., associated with his father in business, was married first to Hettie Snively, who died without issue; second, to Salinda Hershey, who left one son, Franklin H.; and third, to Mary Ann Rutt. Elizabeth is the wife of Henry S. Denlinger a farmer of Paradise township. They have four children, Lloyd, Annie, Lottie and Irvin. Mr. and Mrs. Eby and their family are members of the Mennonite Church.

**ALEXANDER K. MORRISON**, a highly respected citizen and excellent farmer of Lancaster county, resides on his farm of 107 well-improved acres, in Little Britain township, at King's Bridge, and was born in Colerain township, Sept. 30, 1837. His parents were Alexander W. and Margaret (McCommon) Morrison, natives of the same township, but of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Great-grandfather Gabriel Morrison came to Lancaster county and bought a large tract of land in Colerain township; his son, also Gabriel, married Ann Love, the three children of this union being, Thomas L., Alexander and Julia Ann.

Alexander W. Morrison was born in 1796 and died in 1872. In 1823 he was united in marriage to Margaret McCommon, and eight children were born to this union. Ann Eliza is the widow of Vincent King, of King's Bridge, and the capable housekeeper for A. K. Morrison. She was born in 1824 and her living children are: Elizabeth, the wife of Emmerson Walton, of Colerain township; Vincent, of Colorado; Laura, the wife of John Furniss, of Little Britain; Horace, of Christiana; Joseph M., of California; and Thorwald, of Philadelphia. James M. is a resident of the State of Oregon, a minister in the Presbyterian Church. Joseph B. is a resident and practicing physician of Missouri. The life of Alexander K. is given below. Samuel W. died in 1890; the other three children died in infancy.

Alexander Kinkade Morrison grew to young manhood on the farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of his locality. In August, 1862, he testified to his loyalty to his country by enlisting as a volunteer in the 122nd P. I., and took part in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil war, notably, Fredericksburg, the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville and the Potomac campaign, being honorably discharged in May, 1863. Having escaped both imprisonment and injury, Mr. Morrison returned home and resumed farming, closely applying himself to the line he had chosen. His present fine farm is well improved and bears testimony to his





excellence as a farmer, while the respect in which he is held by the community speaks for itself as to his upright character as a citizen.

In politics Mr. Morrison is an active Republican; he served as deputy coroner from 1882 to 1885 and again from 1893 to 1900. He took the census in 1890 for his township, Little Britain; in 1902 he was elected school director for the same township. He is a leading member of the Union Presbyterian Church in Colerain township. Fraternally he belongs to the G. A. R. post, and enjoys talking over the times of stress with comrades who, like himself, were not found wanting when their country's call came. Mr. Morrison has never married, his beloved sister giving him loving care and doing the honors of his hospitable home.

**HENRY N. EBY**, a general farmer of the township of West Hempfield, Lancaster, was born where he is now living Aug. 16, 1837, a son of Jonas and Veronica (Nissley) Eby, who were born in Elizabeth and Raphio townships, respectively, and came in 1826 to the farm on which Henry N. is now living.

Jonas Eby was engaged from 1820 to 1826 in the milling business on the Little Conestoga river. In 1846 and 1847 he operated the Chiques Valley mill. A man of considerable importance in the local affairs of his time, he served as school director for many years. Born March 14, 1790, he died Oct. 11, 1884. Mrs. Veronica Eby was born June 27, 1798, and died Oct. 30, 1830. The father was buried at the Landisville Meeting House cemetery, and the mother on the old Nissley farm. They were members of the Mennonite Church. His standing in the business world is evident from the fact that he served several years as a director of the Union Bank of Mt. Joy. Their children were: John, who is a retired farmer of Lancaster, Pa.; Fanny, late wife of Martin Peiffer, of Salunga, Pa.; Elias, a retired farmer of East Donegal; Samuel, a retired merchant of Mt. Joy; Simon, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Amos, died unmarried in 1860; Henry N. Both father and mother were twice married. Dec. 12, 1810, Jonas Eby was married to Veronica Nissley, and Nov. 12, 1863, to Martha Strickler, who died in West Hempfield township, Aug. 7, 1876, at the age of sixty years and almost eight months. She was a daughter of Abraham Strickler, of Lancaster county, who married a Miss Hostetter. Mrs. Veronica (Nissley) Eby, was first married to Abraham Hoover in 1815, and there was born to them Nancy, who was twice married, first to John Bossler, and then to Daniel Kreider, and who is now dead.

John and Mary (Witwer) Eby, the grandparents of Henry N. Eby, were both born in Elizabeth township in this county, and were farming people. The grandfather followed milling along with his farming labors. John Eby died May 25, 1845, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife, who died

Aug. 25, 1856, was eighty-three years old. They were buried on the old homestead where their long and useful lives had been passed. Born to this union were: Catherine; Jonas; Mary; Rebecca; Elias, who married Elizabeth Erb; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Risser; Levi, who married Anna Nissley; Anna, who married Samuel Hershey.

The paternal great-grandparents of Mr. Eby were Christian and Catherine (Bricker) Eby, who spent their lives on the old homestead, in the township of Elizabeth, where both were born. Christian Eby was the son of Christian, and the grandson of Theodorus, the pioneer settler of the family in this part of the state. Theodorus Eby was a noted man in the family records. The son of Bishop Jacob Eby, he was born in Switzerland in 1663, and, because he was a devoted Mennonite, was compelled to leave his native country in 1704 to escape unendurable persecution. For about eleven years he made his home in the "Palatinate," Germany, but here persecution was quite as severe as at home, and with other co-religionists he left for Philadelphia, Pa. in the spring of 1715, and some time in August of the same year effected a settlement in Lancaster county, where he lived until his death, in the full enjoyment of that liberty that seemed denied elsewhere through all the world. He died Dec. 11, 1737, leaving four sons and one daughter, as follows: Peter; Hannes; Jacob; Christian; Elizabeth, who married Hannes Baehr. The sons were all skilled in the mechanical arts of the day, and it is a matter of tradition that their father built an important mill with no other assistance than they were able to render him.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Eby were Bishop Samuel Nissley, of Rapho township and Anna Mumma, of West Hempfield township. Bishop Nissley was married three times, to Barbara Greider, to Anna Mumma, and to Maria Long-necker.

Henry N. Eby was twice married, first in 1860, in Lancaster county, Pa., to Mary Franck, becoming by this marriage the father of the following family: Daniel, who died of diphtheria in 1871; Amos F., a farmer in East Donegal township, who married Anna Reist; Fanny, who married Simon E. Garber, of West Donegal township; Jonas, who died at the age of seven months; Levi, a farmer, who married Kate Stauffer, of East Donegal township; Anna, wife of Elias Lindemuth, a farmer of East Donegal township. Mrs. Mary (Franck) Eby, who was born in Warwick township, died Jan. 3, 1876, at the age of thirty-five years, and was buried in Landisville; she was the daughter of Christian and Catherine (Snyder) Franck. Her father was the son of Deacon John Franck, of Warwick.

The second marriage of Mr. Eby occurred Nov. 6, 1878, in Manheim, Pa., when he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hostetter, and there were born to this marriage, Henry and Elizabeth, twins,





Henry R. Erb





and David, all living at home. Elizabeth (Hostetter) Eby was born near Manheim, Pa., Sept. 1, 1841, and was a daughter of David and Maria (Peiffer) Hostetter, both natives of Penn township, where they lived and died. David was the son of Bishop Jacob Hostetter, who passed his entire life on the old homestead of the family in Penn township, a pioneer settler of Lancaster county. They came from Switzerland about 1712, and were Mennonites in the home country.

Mr. Eby has spent his life on the farm where he is now residing, and is one of the prominent and well-to-do people of the county. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and for ten years served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Amos F. Eby, son of Henry N. Eby, a general farmer of East Donegal, and a member of the Paragon Fruit and Nut Co., of Lancaster county, is a man of much push and energy; he was born on the farm of his parents, Oct. 4, 1864. Henry N. and Mary (Franck) Eby, his parents, whose lives are noted above, are living on the old Eby homestead in West Hempfield township.

Mr. Eby was married Oct. 17, 1880, in Rapho township, to Anna Reist, and to this union were born Rhoda R. and Henry R. Mrs. Anna (Reist) Eby is a daughter of Henry B. and Catherine (Garber) Reist. Amos F. Eby remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, when he left their sheltering roof to work a year in a creamery, and then entered upon his present work. He has a farm of eighty-one acres, and is in very prosperous circumstances. Since 1897, he has been a school director. Since 1896 Mr. Eby has been associated with the Fruit and Nut Company, and is a prominent and thrifty young man. He belongs to the Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Catherine (Garber) Reist, the mother of Mrs. Amos F. Eby, was born in West Donegal township, May 10, 1833, and was a daughter of John and Catherine (Sechrist) Garber, who were born in Manor and West Hempfield townships, respectively. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died in 1842, and the widowed mother, who survived many years, died in 1870, in her eighty-sixth year, and was buried in West Donegal township. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and became the parents of the following family: Michael; Mary, who married Christ Snyder; Anna, who married John Longnecker, of West Donegal township; Barbara, who died young; John; Christian; Catherine. Her paternal grandparents were Andrew and Maria (Nolt) Garber, of Lancaster county, and her maternal grandparents were of the Sechrist family, an important one in the same county.

Henry B. Reist, the father of Mrs. Anna Eby, of East Donegal township, who is noted above as marrying Amos F. Eby, was a valuable and useful

citizen of Lancaster county in his lifetime. His great-grandparents, Peter and Anna (Eoyer) Reist, came from Switzerland, and settled in Pennsylvania, where their descendants have all occupied an honorable and useful station in life.

Henry B. Reist was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, where he was long and successfully engaged not only in farming but in commercial and financial pursuits. For twelve years prior to his decease, he was president of the First National Bank, of Mt. Joy, and was highly esteemed in the community in which he lived. He and his wife had children: Ely G., who is now a farmer in Rapho township, Lancaster county; John G., a farmer, and manager of a creamery in Mt. Joy; Mary, the wife of S. S. Kraybill, a farmer of East Donegal township; Henry, an electrician at Schenectady, N. Y.; Emma, the wife of H. N. Hostetter, a farmer in East Donegal township; Anna, the wife of Amos F. Eby, a farmer in East Donegal. Henry B. Reist died in 1870, at the age of forty-seven years, and was buried in East Donegal township. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mrs. Reist is still living, and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Eby. Mr. Reist served as school director in Mt. Joy township, for some years.

John G. Reist, who was born in Mt. Joy township in 1857, resides in Mt. Joy, and devotes his attention to the large creamery business of Reist, Nissley & Co., of which he is the junior partner. The creamery was built in 1887, and its patronage is steadily increasing under its very able management. In 1889 Mr. Reist was married to Miss Catherine Hostetter, of Manor township, and a daughter of Ezra Hostetter; to this union were born three children: Florence, Esther and John.

HENRY R. ERB, of Pine Hill, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 12, 1847, on the farm adjoining that on which he at present resides, and is a son of Reuben and Hettie (Royer) Erb, both now deceased.

Reuben Erb was a son of David Erb, who was descended from Christian Erb, one of the earliest natives of Lancaster county. Reuben Erb was a miller and farmer in Warwick township, and was reared to these vocations in his father's mill and on his father's farm. To his marriage with Hettie Royer were born two children, Henry R. and Susannah, of whom the latter died in early childhood. In politics Reuben Erb was a Republican.

Henry R. Erb was reared on the home, and agriculture has been his life pursuit, although he is now practically retired. He is the owner of productive farms adjoining, and comprising 500 acres. These farms have long been the property of the Erb family—one tract of 225 acres for several generations. His great-great-grandfather, Christian Erb, above alluded to, owned and lived upon this farm, and



it is surmised that the father of Christian was the original purchaser, as he was the founder of the Erb family in this county.

Henry R. Erb has been one of the most active and public-spirited men of the county, and as a Republican has taken considerable interest in public affairs. He has held the office of school director and at present is a director in the Litzitz National Bank.

Mr. Erb was married, in 1867, to Miss Elizabeth A. Wolf, daughter of Henry Wolf, of Warwick township, and to this union have been born two children, of whom one died in infancy; the other, Annie N., is the wife of D. M. Grobill, of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Erb family, besides being one of the oldest, is one of the most highly respected in Lancaster county, where, even within the memory of Henry R. Erb himself many miraculous changes have taken place in the county limits. To the great improvements that have been made locally Mr. Erb has contributed freely of his means, and has been personally active in their promotion.

MILTON KEYLOR, a wealthy and retired farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born June 14, 1828, in Bart township, a son of John and Sarah (Meginness) Keylor. The father was born in Raumland, Germany, Jan. 19, 1790; and the mother Oct. 13, 1795, in Colerain township. She was a daughter of James Meginness, who was born in Delaware in 1767. His life was mostly spent in Colerain township, Lancaster county, where he died Nov. 1, 1830. John F. Meginness is one of his grandsons.

John Keylor was the son of Jacob Keylor, who came with his wife and family to the shores of America in 1795, to escape the woe and devastation of war in Germany. They landed at New-castle, Delaware, and made their way to Chester county, where they were given employment by Richard Baker, who had his home on the banks of the Brandywine. Jacob Kuehler, whose name was anglicized to "Keylor," died at his home in Chester county in 1816, leaving a widow and five children. John was the father of Milton Keylor; Henry, who was born in Germany in 1793, married Eliza A. Swisher, and settled in Bart township, where he died July 21, 1875; Katherine Keylor, born in Germany in 1795, married Thomas Mullen, who settled in Delaware, where she died in 1826. There were born to Jacob Keylor and his wife after their arrival in this country two daughters, Maria and Hannah. Maria Keylor, who was born in 1800, married John Buffington, and settled near Atglen, where she died in 1896. Hannah Keylor, who was born in Chester county, in 1802, married Nathan Famous, and settled near Unionville; she died in the home of her son-in-law, Thomas Mullen, at Kennett Square, in 1892.

John Keylor, the father of Milton, began his

career in Bart township, as an independent farmer. During the war of 1812 he was called upon to raise a company, which he did, though their services were never required. In his after life he was very successful, and became quite prosperous, owning three farms in Lancaster county. His death occurred Nov. 3, 1872, and he was buried by the side of his wife in Friends' cemetery. She died in September, 1865. In Germany the Keylors were Presbyterians, but as Richard Baker, mentioned above, was a Quaker, they accompanied him to the Friends Meeting at Bradford, and soon learned to use the Quaker speech, and adopted that faith.

John Keylor and his wife had seven children who lived to maturity. (1) Ann E. Keylor, born in January, 1825, married Daniel Byer, in February, 1848, and settled in Juniata county, where in 1875 Mr. Byer died. She moved to Chester county, where she died in 1879, leaving four children: John J., of Chester county; Hannah, who died at home in 1902; Sarah, who married Davis Bailey, of Thordale, Chester county; and Anna at the home in Chester county. The first child, Emma, had died previously.

(2) Hannah M. Keylor, born Aug. 10, 1826, was the widow of E. H. Emory, and lived on a part of the old Keylor homestead, which had passed into her hands. She died in April, 1902. Her two sons, John K. and Clement M. Emory, are both single.

(3) Milton Keylor, whose name introduces this article, is the third member of the family.

(4) Sarah Keylor was born Feb. 26, 1830, and married for her first husband Lewis H. Selzer, a merchant of Steelville, who died very shortly after marriage, leaving one son, Harry, who is in business in Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Selzer later married W. F. McLimans, and has her home in West Grove, Chester county.

(5) John B. Keylor, born Dec. 2, 1831, became a cabinet maker, and devoted several years of his early manhood to this trade. He was married to Miss Leah L. Ritz, of Bart township, in 1858, and located in South Charleston, Clark Co., Ohio, where Mr. Keylor died Feb. 10, 1863, leaving a widow and one son, Howard R., who was born Oct. 9, 1860. Mrs. Keylor did not remain in Ohio long after the death of her husband, but came back to Pennsylvania in May, 1871. She married for her second husband, George Sterrett, of Philadelphia. They removed in October, 1871, to Walla Walla, Washington, where she died April 10, 1880. Howard Keylor, her son, was educated in the University of Michigan, where he was graduated as a physician in 1882. After this he took a special course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. In December, 1882 he began the practice of his profession at Walla Walla, Wash., where he soon became eminent. He was appointed surgeon-general of the Territorial militia, which position he held at the time Washington was admitted to the Union,





May 10, 1890. He was afterward appointed on the State Board of Medical Examiners, and became its secretary, a position he is still holding. In 1889 he married Miss Sarah F. Stine, of Walla Walla, a native of California. They have two daughters, Edna and Leah.

(6) George Keylor, born May 18, 1834, married Anna McGinness, of Montour county, Pa., in March, 1856, and had a home on a farm in Colerain township, where Mrs. Keylor died in May, 1874, at the age of thirty-nine years. Her remains were taken to her home and interred at the family lot in Milton, Pa. She left one son, Harry J., who was born in March, 1857. He learned the saddler's trade, and located in Montour county. Harry J. Keylor married in Danville, Pa., and has two children. George Keylor married for his second wife, Anna Scott, of Bart township, and located in Delaware, where he died in January, 1900, leaving one son, Bayard, who has since died.

(7) Henry Keylor, born in April, 1836, was reared as a farmer, and married Martha Scott, of Colerain township, where they are now living on a farm. They have two children, Frank and Nannie, both of whom are at home.

(8) Wellington Keylor, born in 1838, died in childhood in 1844.

Milton Keylor remained at the home farm until he was of age, and received his early education in the district schools in Bart township. For a few months he also attended a select school taught by James Brown. Mr. Keylor and Rebecca Byer, the eldest daughter of David and Mary (McElwain) Byer, were married Sept. 13, 1849. Mrs. Keylor was born Feb. 17, 1827, and was reared to young womanhood in Bart township. She is a lady of high character, and has shared with her husband fifty-three years of married life. They celebrated their golden wedding Sept. 13, 1899, on the farm they purchased in 1854.

For many years Milton Keylor took an active part in local affairs; for twelve years he was a member of the school board, and his interest in the cause of public education is shown by the fact that at one time he provided a house on his farm for the establishment of a high school, which was taught by James McCullough. Mr. Keylor was one of the founders of the Colerain and Bart Farmers' Club, and the Quarryville National Bank. He took an active part in the building of the Oxford and Peach Bottom Railroad, contributing liberally to its funds. For many years he was a trustee of the Colerain Baptist Church, of which he and his family have been consistent and helpful members. In his politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Keylor have been devoted to the education of their family. They would go with their children on long drives as far as into Maryland, and would stay for a few days at Cape May, Long Branch or Atlantic City. He has attended the inauguration of two presidents, Gen. Grant and

Grover Cleveland, taking Mrs. Keylor on both occasions to the national capital. Mr. Keylor has also attended three national expositions, in New York in 1853, the Centennial at Philadelphia, in 1876, and the Columbian, at Chicago, in 1893. Both are enjoying good health, and their friends cherish the hope that they may be long spared to each other.

The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Keylor was James Ellwood, born Aug. 21, 1851; he was educated in the public schools of his community, and at the Millersville State Normal, for several years following the profession of teaching. In April, 1881, he married Anna C., a daughter of John M. and Fannie (Stively) Shenk, of Quarryville. For four years after his marriage he continued to teach, and then, feeling a call in that direction, prepared for the gospel ministry, at Crozier Seminary, in Chester county, and in the fall of 1885 set himself to a theological course, which he concluded in 1888. That year he received a call to the Baptist Church in Newfield, N. J., where he was ordained in November. For seven years he was pastor of that church. In 1895 he was called to the Windsor Baptist Church, in Chester county, where he is still located. He is the father of two children, John Milton and Rena F. John Milton Keylor is a graduate of the West Chester Normal, of Chester county, and now holds a position as teacher in Swarthmore College. Rena F. Keylor, born in December, 1884, resides at home, and is a student at the West-chester Normal.

Anna M. Keylor, the second child of Milton Keylor, was born at the present home of the family, April 18, 1853, was educated at the Union High School and was a successful teacher for four years. She was married in 1876 to William B. Ryner, a native of Bart township, and they are now living on their farm in Colerain township, where they have two children: Rebecca A., born in 1883, who graduated in 1902 at the State Normal School at Millersville and is now teaching; Spencer C., born in 1887, who is at home with his parents.

Dr. Henry E. Keylor, second of Milton Keylor, born Aug. 13, 1855, studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Wentz, of Kirkwood, was graduated with honor at Jefferson Medical College in 1878, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession, but he was taken ill and died in September, 1880. He never married.

Dr. Josiah B. Keylor, the fourth child of Milton Keylor, studied in the public schools, and the Union High School, and graduated at the Millersville State Normal in July, 1879. After a year teaching, for which his degree of B. E., indicated ability, he received the degree of M. E., and in 1880 was made the head of the high school of Maytown, Lancaster county. In 1881 he resigned this position to take that of superintendent of the Manheim borough schools. It was his first intention to continue the profession of teaching as his life work, but after



the death of his brother Henry, he determined to become a physician himself. He began his medical studies under Dr. George T. Dare, of Oxford, Chester county, and in 1882 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1885. He began his professional career at Cochranville, Chester county, and very soon made for himself more than a local reputation as a capable and rising physician.

In religion he is a member of the English Baptist Church, in politics, a Democrat, and fraternally, a devoted and enthusiastic member of the I. O. O. F., of which he has been an efficient member for a number of years. He is a Past Grand of Hebron Lodge, No. 437, of Chester county. He is also a Past Master of Skerret Lodge, No. 343, F. & A. M., having served as representative to the Grand Lodge, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Dr. Keylor has traveled quite extensively, and has visited in thirteen states of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; in 1880 he spent seven weeks in Colorado and Wyoming with his brother Henry, who was seeking a return of health in the mountains.

Dr. Keylor was married in June, 1895, to Miss Lillian B. Rakestraw, of Strasburg township. They have their home in Cochranville, where the doctor owns real estate, and they have one daughter, Catherine Rebecca.

JOHN H. ZELLER (deceased) was in his day one of the leading officials and citizens of Lancaster county, as well as one of its most enterprising business men. He was born in Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa., May 20, 1832, son of Charles and Martha (Green) Zeller, the former a native of York and the latter of Lancaster county.

John H. Zeller was reared in Florin, Lancaster county, where he was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen years began teaching, a vocation he continued to follow until about 1862, when he was elected to the office in the court of quarter sessions of the county and moved to Lancaster; he remained in the city but six months, however, and then returned to Florin. In 1857 he was elected a justice of the peace, but on his removal to Mt. Joy in 1870, resigned this office; in the meantime, from the expiration of his office in the court of quarter sessions in 1866 until his coming to Mt. Joy, he conducted a mercantile business in Florin. At this place in 1872, he was again elected justice of the peace and re-elected in 1877. In 1879 he was elected clerk of the Orphans' Court, served three years and then expressed a desire to retire to private life. But his many friends insisted upon his once more taking the office of justice of the peace, which he had previously so ably and satisfactorily filled. He finally consented and filled the office until 1883, when he resigned in order to become a notary—an office he held until death, Oct. 31, 1898.

In addition to the elective offices, Mr. Zeller had filled, he was active in other walks of life. For many years he was a school director, was a director in the First National Bank of Mt. Joy, was one of the founders of the Henry Eberly cemetery at Mt. Joy, and for forty-seven years clerked at public sales. He was also director in the Marietta and Mount Joy Turnpike Company, was a fire insurance and real estate agent, was a collector, scrivener and surveyor, and did a large business in settling up estates. He was one of the busiest men in the county, was known everywhere and stood very high in the esteem of the people. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman, of a kindly disposition and honest to the core. He was emphatically what is called a self-made man, having started as a farmer-lad and rising to the position of leading official and a business man of eminence. In politics he was a Republican and fraternally was a Knight of Pythias.

Mr. Zeller was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Hinny, who was born in Oregon, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 3, 1833, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Hinny. To this marriage there were born nine children, in the following order: Samuel H., Nov. 27, 1851, died April 19, 1854; Charles H., born Oct. 25, 1855; William H., July 25, 1858, died Sept. 28, 1888; John B. S., Jan. 3, 1861; Sallie A. H., Jan. 10, 1863, now the wife of C. L. Erby; Jacob H., March 3, 1866, the representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and for six years superintendent of the Lancaster Caramel works at Mt. Joy; U. S. Grant, born Oct. 31, 1868, died July 1, 1872; Henry H., born Dec. 18, 1870, a clerk and salesman; Etta May, born April 19, 1873, the wife of C. K. Bennett.

Charles H. Zeller, the eldest living of the above named children, was reared in Mt. Joy and was there educated in the common schools. At fourteen years of age, he began learning the painter's trade, but two years later abandoned it, and for six years was engaged in iron moulding in Mt. Joy and Lancaster; he was next employed in various lines of business until 1877, when he began auctioneering and this he has followed successfully for twenty-six years, averaging twenty-five sales annually. For years, also, from 1884, he has been a trusted collector and in February of that year was elected justice of the peace, a position he has held with credit to himself, continuously until the present time. At the death of his father he succeeded to the business, which he still conducts in all its details. He also served from about 1879 to 1882 as constable, and is now a justice of the peace. He is also a director in the Marietta and Mt. Joy Turnpike Company.

Fraternally, Charles H. Zeller is Master of Records of the K. of G. E.; is Recording Secretary of the O. U. A. M.; is treasurer of the D. of L., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is a member of the Degree of Pocahontas; also of the K. of M. C., the I. O. O. R., and the K. of M. In politics Mr. Zeller has always been a Republican.





Charles H. Zeller was married Dec. 23, 1875, to Miss Subilla Morton, daughter of William Morton, of Lancaster county. Mr. Zeller, through his business ability and astuteness, has realized a competency and is now living in comfort and in the enjoyment of the esteem of a large circle of warm-hearted friends.

**EPHRAIM E. WEAVER**, a skillful, progressive and energetic farmer of Manor township, is a native of Lancaster county, born on the old homestead in East Lampeter township Dec. 7, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of that locality. He remained at home until his father retired from active business, and then entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Girven, on whose farm he worked two or three years, after which he was in the employ of his brothers, Aaron and Benjamin F. Weaver, in Manor township, for ten years.

On Nov. 18, 1891, Mr. Weaver married Miss Hettie E. Houser, a daughter of Christian and Emma (Hoover) Houser, and a granddaughter of John Houser. The first of the Houser family to come to America was her great-great-grandfather, Christian Houser, a native of Germany, who located in Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Weaver's father was one of a family of four children, was a farmer of Lampeter township, and was a member of the Mennonite Church. He died June 19, 1898, at the age of fifty-four years, but her mother is still living, at the age of fifty-six. In their family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Weaver is the eldest, the others being John E., a farmer of Lampeter township; Winnie M.; Lizzie M., who died Aug. 16, 1902; Ella M., who was married March 12, 1902, to Ellis Weaver, and is living on a farm in West Lampeter township; Mabel K.; Emma L.; Ethel A.; and Maud C. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have two children: Albert E., born March 14, 1893; and Ruth E., born June 2, 1895.

In the spring of 1892 Mr. Weaver located upon his present farm in Manor township, which he had purchased the previous fall. It consists of forty-seven and a half acres on the Columbia turnpike, three and a half miles west of Lancaster, and since it came into the possession of Mr. Weaver he has made many valuable improvements thereon, the place and its entire surroundings denoting the thrift, enterprise and prosperity of the owner. He follows general farming, and is numbered among the most progressive men of his community. In his political affiliations he is a Republican.

**JOSEPH DICKINSON HARPER**, one of the prominent and prosperous business citizens of Christiana, Pa., was born in Upper Oxford township, Chester county, on Oct. 3, 1844. His parents were Jacob W. and Rachel (Dickinson) Harper, of Upper Oxford township, on the father's side, who was born in the old Harper homestead there, and of Salisbury township, in this county, on the mother's

side, her native place having been on the site of what is now Lapps postoffice.

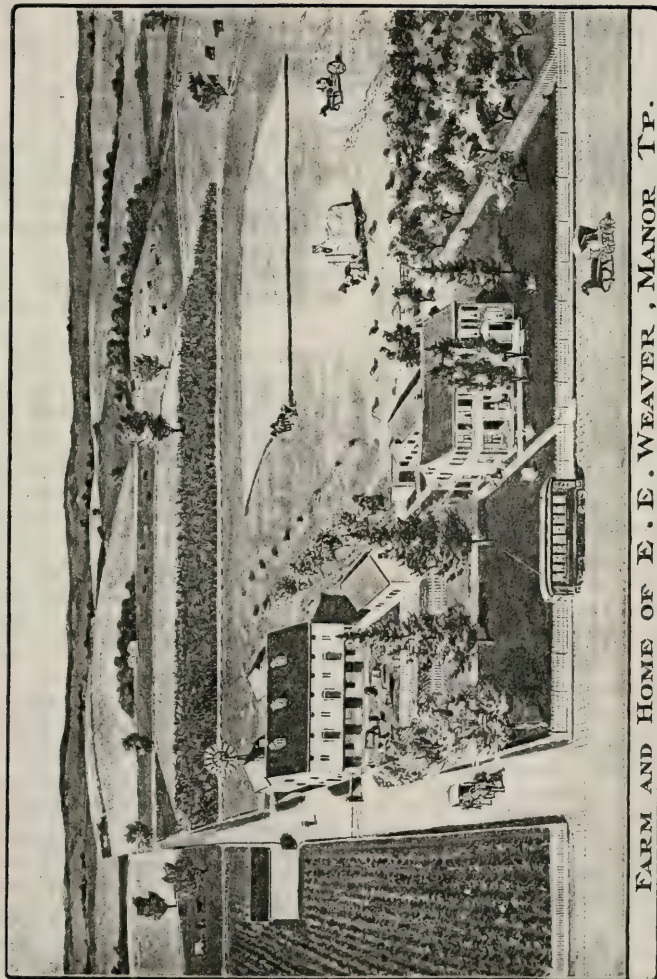
Grandfather William C. Harper was a native of County Derry, Ireland, a nail maker by trade, and he came to America at the time of the Irish insurrection. His marriage was to Mary Weldon, and they settled in Chester Co., Pa., on a farm near Russellville, and both belonged to the Presbyterian Church. The maternal grandparents of Joseph Dickinson Harper were Joseph and Phoebe (Morris) Dickinson, of Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Dickinson in connection with his farming engaged in merchandising also, and erected what is now Lapps store, for his son, Joseph.

Father Jacob W. Harper was a blacksmith by trade and a veterinary surgeon by profession, became prominent in his township and held many of the local offices. His death occurred in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years, and that of his wife in 1877, at the age of sixty-five years. Their burial was at Faggs Manor Presbyterian cemetery, in Chester county, the former having been a member of the Presbyterian Church, while the latter adhered consistently through life to the tenets of the Society of Friends. Their children were: Joseph D.; Mary W., who married Harry Witmer, a grocer in Lancaster; Phoebe A., who married Henry Bowman, a farmer of Buck Run, Chester county; Rachel, who died young; Emma J., deceased, who married Samuel Brookhart, of Silver Spring, Pa., a conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading R. R.; and John, who died from the effects of a kick from a horse, in 1875.

At the age of eight years Joseph Dickinson Harper went to live with his paternal grandparents and remained there, going to school and working on the farm, until he was seventeen years of age, returning then to his father, under whom he learned the blacksmith's trade. At the age of twenty-one he went to Russellville and worked for twenty-three months in a carriage-making establishment, going from there to Jennerville, where he rented a large carriage-making shop for a period of two years. For four years he was in the same business in Cochranville, coming to Christiana in 1876. Here he bought out the establishment conducted by Lingerfield & Hirst, and has successfully pushed this business ever since, becoming a leader in this part of the county. Mr. Harper has been noted for his industry and his present large business is mainly due to the honest and upright methods which he has adopted, in connection with a close attention and thorough, practical knowledge of all details.

The marriage of Mr. Harper was on Jan. 15, 1874, in Lancaster, to Miss Eliza A. Harvey, and the children born to this marriage were: Taylor W., who lives at home, unmarried, and follows the trade of carriage painter; Arvilla J., a talented teacher; Chester T., who is attending college at New Brunswick; and Myra E., at home. The birth of









Mrs. Harper was in West Fallowfield township, Chester county, in 1844, a daughter of Capt. Joseph and Eliza (McGloughlin) Harvey. The former was a farmer and also a blacksmith, was captain of the old Pennsylvania militia, and died in 1872, at the age of seventy-eight years, the mother surviving until 1879, dying at the age of seventy-five. Both parents of Mrs. Harper were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Streeter, who died young; James, who died aged seventy; E. Pennock, a farmer of Chester county; Rebecca, who resides with her sister, Eliza A. Mrs. Harper; Joel M., a butcher and grocer, in Parkersburg, and Taylor, deceased.

Mr. Harper has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church where he contributes liberally of his means. In political belief he is a Democrat, although his personal feelings lead him to favor much that he finds in the Prohibition party. In all things he is a good citizen, and fills every duty to his family, church and community in a way to secure to him the high esteem of his fellow-citizens.

DAVID S. HORST, a watchmaker and formerly a farmer of Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Jan. 1, 1824, son of Peter and Christina (Shelley) Horst, of Lancaster county.

Peter Horst was a miller, as early as 1816 building a mill in Mt. Joy, on the Little Chiques creek which he ran for forty years. The property still remains in the family. Mr. Horst died in 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years; his wife died in 1870, at the age of seventy-four years. They are both buried in private burying grounds in Rapho township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. This couple had children as follows: Abraham S. who died at the age of seventy years, married to Mary Musser; Henry S. who died at the age of seven years; Catherine S., deceased wife of Peter Risser; Fanny S., late wife of Samuel Meckley; David S.; Elizabeth S., who lives at Mt. Joy, Pa.; and Anna S., who is also unmarried, and lives with her sister Elizabeth. The grandparents of Mr. Horst were Michael and Veronica (Shelly) Horst, of Lancaster. In the year 1780 Michael Horst built a stone house which adjoins the residence property of his grandson, David S. Horst. The grandfather, who was a farmer, died in 1820, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died fifteen years later.

There were three brothers of the family who came from Switzerland, one settling in Groff's Dale, Lancaster county, who was the great-great-grandfather of David S. Horst; one near Lebanon, Pa., and the other in York county, Pa. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Horst were Christian and Anna (Engle) Shelley.

In 1850 in Lancaster, David S. Horst married Miss Mary Hershey, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Strine. There have been no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Horst. Mrs. Horst was born

in Rapho township in November, 1825, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Wittmer) Hershey, of Lancaster county. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1841, at the age of fifty years. His wife died in 1863, at the age of seventy-two years, and they are buried in Cross Roads Meeting House cemetery, East Donegal township. They were members of the River Brethren Church. There were born to this couple the following children: Joseph, deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of John Heisey; Barbara, deceased wife of David Martin; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Benjamin Ritter; Mary, wife of David S. Horst; Veronica, late wife of Joseph Gish, of Rapho township; Susan, wife of Abraham Young, of Mt. Joy; and Jacob, deceased. Mrs. Horst's grandfather was Christian Hershey, of Lancaster county.

David S. Horst remained with his parents until his marriage, when he came to his present home. He worked in the mill part of the time, and part of the time on the farm. He had when a boy of nine acquired a knowledge of the watch making trade, and followed it from that time on whenever he had the time and occasion; as a child he made wooden clocks for his own amusement. Mr. and Mrs. Horst are members of the River Brethren (Dunkard) Church. In politics, Mr. Horst votes the Republican ticket, but he has never been a seeker after office. He is in affluent circumstances, and prominent in the community in which he resides. Although well along in years his health is excellent, and he is able to attend to business as well as a much younger man.

CHARLES H. HINKLE, deceased. There are men who possess a certain kindliness of heart, steadiness of purpose, and stanch assertion of principle, combined with unassuming manners that attract irresistibly to them as steadfast friends all right minded individuals. A man of that character was Charles H. Hinkle, whose life was cut off most prematurely, when he was but forty years of age, and when he was entering upon a career of extended usefulness. In his younger years he was a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, but he abandoned that hazardous occupation to accept the position of messenger and watchman in the Columbia National Bank, a position which he held for nine years to the day of his death in 1885. But he was not only a messenger and watchman. He rose to the position of director as well. He was also at the time of his death a director of the Columbia Gas Company, of which he was for a time secretary and treasurer. He possessed keen business ability and had already acquired a competence when overtaken by death.

Charles H. Hinkle was born in West Hempfield township in 1845, the son of Henry and Sally (McGee) Hinkle, representatives of the oldest families of Lancaster county. His grandfather, Honnes Hinkle, was born near Lancaster in 1775. His father, Henry Hinkle, also a native of Lancaster county removed to Maytown in 1768, and remained



there until 1778. He was drafted into the Revolutionary war but ran away with several other drafted men and took refuge on Mundorff's Island, below Safe Harbor, where he was captured by a detachment of soldiers and brought to Lancaster. He was detailed to drive a team in the supply train of the Continental army, and participated in the battles of Trenton and Brandywine. He remained in the army until honorably discharged.

Honnes Hinkle had the following children: Joseph, who became a farmer of York county; William, who settled in Donegal township, Lancaster county; John, who moved to Ohio; Honnes; Henry; Isaac; Patience, who was married to Joseph Mays; Catherine, who married Henry Knights, a tanner and also for a time proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel" in Columbia; Nancy, who married Jacob Attstatt, and Elizabeth, who married John Lockard. Honnes was a man of rugged pioneer type, honest and blunt in manner, and a general favorite among the early settlers. He married a Miss Kauffman.

Henry Hinkle, son of Honnes, was born in West Hempfield township, near Columbia, in 1801. After the death of his father, which occurred about 1830, Henry and his brother Isaac took charge of the home farm, and continued joint tenants for more than thirty years, occupying the same residence and eating at the same table. Isaac's health failing, the property by mutual agreement was divided, and Isaac removed to Columbia, where he died a few years later. Henry also removed to Columbia in after life, and there he died Aug. 24, 1875. He had become a director of the Columbia National Bank, and left an estate of over \$80,000, to be divided among his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally McGee, also died at Columbia. Their children, were as follows: Rebecca, who married Christian Hershey, and is now deceased; Isaac, a retired farmer of Wrightsville; Joseph, who died in advanced life, a retired farmer; William, who operated the hotel at Wrightsville, and is now deceased; David, proprietor of a hotel at Columbia; Charles H.; John, deceased, and Catherine, wife of William Hardy, a blacksmith at Columbia, for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Charles H. Hinkle was reared on the farm. In 1867, in Columbia, he married Miss Amelia M. Ulmer, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gertrude (Hine-land) Ulmer. Five children were born to Charles H. and Amelia Hinkle, namely: James B., of Columbia; Lizzie C., wife of Edward Becker, a bookkeeper of Columbia; Lotta, deceased; Clara, deceased, and Mary, deceased. Mr. Hinkle, the husband and father, died in 1885 aged forty years. He was buried at Columbia. His widow, eight years later, married John Rodkey, of West Hempfield township, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Charles H. Hinkle was a member of Chiquesalunga Tribe, Red Men, and at the time of his death was secretary of the Columbia Gas Company. He was one of the promi-

nent, progressive business men of Columbia, whose personal influence and efforts were ever directed to the upbuilding of the city's interests.

MARTIN R. SHEAFFER. One of the prominent and eminently successful farmers of Upper Leacock township, is Martin R. Sheaffer, who also has been extensively engaged in tobacco packing.

The birth of Mr. Sheaffer occurred in Earl township, July 25, 1843, and he was a son of Philip and Leah (Rutter) Sheaffer, who were natives of Earl and Leacock townships, respectively. The great-grandfather of Mr. Sheaffer of this record came from Germany and was one of the pioneers of the first settlement of Earl township, and bore the name of Martin Sheaffer, this being a family name. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Sheaffer of this sketch were Martin and Mary (Miller) Sheaffer, the former of whom was born in 1770 and died at the age of forty-nine years, in 1821. He was a successful farmer and well-known and respected citizen of Earl township, and became the father of seven sons and five daughters. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Sheaffer were Henry and Elizabeth (Royer) Rutter, farming people of Lancaster county.

Philip Sheaffer was born in December, 1803, and died on April 13, 1864, and was buried in the Groffdale cemetery. In his early life he carried on a distilling business, but later settled down to agricultural pursuits. The mother of Mr. Sheaffer of this sketch was born on Aug. 25, 1815, and is now an honored member of his household. Martin R. was the only child of this marriage.

Martin R. Sheaffer, who is the subject of this biography, attended the district schools during boyhood and assisted his father on the homestead farm until he was twenty years old, then beginning to farm on his own account and continuing thus engaged at the same place until 1876. At this date he retired from farming and moved into the village of Bareville, where he resided for five years. Then he returned to the farm for one year, but finally disposed of it and returned to town life and engaged in tobacco packing in Bareville, where he has since remained, one of the most substantial citizens. Mr. Sheaffer is a Republican in politics, and actively upholds the principles and candidates of his party. For the past six years he has been a director in the New Holland Bank, one of the firmly established financial institutions of the county.

The first marriage of Mr. Sheaffer was on Nov. 17, 1864, in Mechanicsburg, to Caroline Graybill, and the children of this marriage were: Graybill, who died May 5, 1866; Martin G., who is an attorney of Lancaster city, married Anna M. Leight, to whom have been born two children, Dorothy and Martha; Cora, who married John W. Eshleman, of Ephrata, Pa., where he is engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and whose children number four, Fanny, Esther, Caroline and Martin S.; Caroline, who re-





sides at home; Clavton R., who resides in Philadelphia; Blanche E., deceased; and Walter, deceased.

Mrs. Caroline (Graybill) Sheaffer was born in Earl township on March 6, 1846, and died on May 25, 1886, and her burial was at Groffedale, Pa. She was a daughter of Levi and Fanny (Kinport) Graybill, natives of Lancaster county, of Swiss ancestry.

The second marriage of Mr. Sheaffer was on June 18, 1888, in Lancaster, to Lottie A. Myer, and the children born to this union were: Leah M., deceased; Amanda M., who died in infancy; and Rebecca, who lives at home.

Mrs. Lottie A. (Myer) Sheaffer was born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 19, 1860, daughter of Samuel R. and Amanda (Evans) Myer, the former of whom was for many years a prominent minister in the German Baptist Church. A sister of Mrs. Sheaffer is the well-known instructor, Miss Elizabeth Myer, of the Elizabethtown College.

Mr. Sheaffer is a man for whom his neighbors have the highest respect; his business ability is firmly established and his integrity unquestioned. The family is an old and honorable one in Lancaster county.

JACOB H. MECKLEY, who unites the business of a lumber merchant and a farmer in Bainbridge, was born in Conoy township, Oct. 2, 1840, Conoy not having then been set apart from Donegal township.

Benjamin and Barbara (Haldeman) Meckley, his parents, were born in Mt. Joy and Rapho townships, respectively, and both died in Conoy township. The father was a farmer, and operated a sawmill from 1849 to 1880. He was a successful man, occupying a prominent place in the community, and serving as a school director for several years. For some ten years prior to his demise he lived retired, dying in 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Barbara Meckley died in 1850, at the age of forty-two years, and both were buried in Good's Meeting House Cemetery in West Donegal township. Benjamin Meckley was a member of the Mennonite Church, and his wife of the United Brethren. They had the following children: Jacob H.; Christ H., a cigar maker at Lock Haven, Pa.; Anna H., wife of Benjamin Fink, a carpenter and contractor in Conoy township; Elizabeth, widow of Andrew Shank, living in Bainbridge; Mrs. Barbara Meckley died in 1850, at the age of Abraham H., of Columbia, Pa., mentioned elsewhere; Benjamin H., who died young; Samuel H., who was married and died at the age of twenty-two years; and Martin H., single and living in Mt. Joy township.

The paternal grandparents of Jacob H. Meckley were Melchior and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Meckley, both natives of Lancaster county, and life-long residents of Mt. Joy township, where their lives were devoted to farming. Mr. Meckley's maternal grand-

parents were Christian and Barbara (Swartz) Haldeman, both also natives of Lancaster county, who passed their lives on a farm in Rapho township. Mr. Meckley is related to the Meckleys and Hoffers of Elizabethtown, sketches of whom are found in another place.

Jacob H. Meckley was married in Conoy township, Dec. 23, 1877, to Miss Anna Wilhelm, and to this union were born the following children: Franklin B., Mary W., Elizabeth W., Benjamin Harrison and Jacob W. Mrs. Meckley was born in Maytown, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ney) Wilhelm, of Conoy township, where they both died, her father, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, in 1866, and her mother in 1872, at the age of fifty years. They were devoted members of the Lutheran Church, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bainbridge.

Mr. Meckley spent the first eighteen years of his life at home with his parents, and then became an apprentice at the carpenter trade in Manchester, Pa., where he spent two years. At the end of that time he came back to his native township, and followed his trade until September, 1862, when he enlisted in a regiment that was being raised by Col. Dickey, and went to Chambersburg and Green Castle, but was rejected as not meeting the physical requirements of the service. Coming home, he followed his trade until 1866, when he was put in charge of the Meckley sawmill, which he carried on until 1871. From that time until 1888 he had charge of the Locust Grove steam sawmill in Conoy township. At the end of this time he moved to Bainbridge to start a lumber yard, and at the same time engaged in farming. Mr. Meckley is a hustling and energetic man, and has been quite successful in his various undertakings, accumulating a fair competence and winning a very enviable standing in the community. For the past sixteen years he has served as school director, and is a member of the Church of God. He belongs to the Senior O. U. A. M. In his politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE M. MAURER. In thriftiness, industry and all those sterling qualities essential to permanent success on the farm George M. Maurer takes prominent rank among the citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. He has for many years engaged in general farming and gardening on the well-improved and well tilled acres which his father purchased more than forty years ago.

The father, George Maurer, was born June 9, 1817, in Niederliefbach, Hessen-Darmstadt, son of Frank and Mary (Kline) Maurer. There were three sons and one daughter, of whom George, the youngest, was the only one who ever came to America, although all the others have descendants here. George started to earn his own living when a mere boy, and in 1830 we find him at Schloss Neuburg, near Heidelberg, an old castle which had been rebuilt, and was then occupied by Johann Friederich



Schlosser, a renowned author and translator. Here the boy acted as valet to Father Heinrich Lemcke, the family priest, a man who had been first a soldier, fighting against Napoleon for five years, then was ordained as a Protestant minister and finally, in 1826, was converted to the Catholic faith. In 1833 Bishop Kenrick, of Philadelphia, issued a circular letter to the Catholic priests of Germany, asking for help for the German Catholics scattered through western Pennsylvania. Father Lemcke decided to be one of the missionaries, and urged George to go with him, promising to do for him all that a father could, but friends persuaded the boy to refuse, a decision he regretted all his life.

After losing this good friend George drifted from one employment to another among the German upper classes, at last becoming gardener to the Rev. Stapleton, a minister who had a small congregation of English at Heidelberg during the summers. By this time his parents had died and George had married Anna M. Melbert. Becoming filled with democratic ideas and with the hope of earning better wages, he determined to go to America; in 1852, leaving his family in Germany, he came to this country and settled at Cordelia Furnace, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. Here he found employment, and his family joined him the next year. Almost his first act in America was to make inquiries for Father Lemcke. Now, the priest's meeting with Prince De Gallien in the Alleghanies, his labors there and later in Arkansas, are matters of history, but then George Maurer found it impossible to get a trace of him, and not until a year before his death did he hear of his old master. Then, in a Catholic almanac, he found a sketch of Father Lemcke's life and the notice of his death in Arkansas, a year previously. Meantime, Maurer was prospering; in 1861 he purchased a farm of twelve acres in West Hempfield township and there began in a modest way an agricultural career which continued uninterruptedly until his death, which occurred Oct. 22, 1885, at the age of sixty-eight years. George Maurer was a tall, strong man, over six feet in height and of proportionate build; in all business papers he was designated as "George Maurer (big)," to distinguish him from others of his name, and among the German-speaking people about him he was usually known as "Der grosse Maurer." For his character, it is sufficient to say that his word was as good as his bond. His widow survived until 1890, passing away at the age of sixty-seven years. They were buried at Columbia, Pa. Both were devout members of the German Catholic Church. Two children blessed their union, Barbara, who married John Geltz, and is now deceased, and George M.

The latter was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 29, 1848, and was brought to America by his mother in 1853. He was reared in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and has ever

since resided there, remaining with his father until the latter's death, in 1885. He then took charge of the little farm, which he has since conducted most profitably. He married, Nov. 17, 1870, in Columbia, Miss Mary Michael, who was born in Prussia, Germany, July 22, 1848, daughter of Mathias and Margaret (Michael) Michael. She emigrated to America in 1850 with her parents, who settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. The father enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served in the army during the Civil war. Soon after his honorable discharge he removed to Missouri where he took up a homestead and remained until his death, which occurred in 1871. He was a member of the Catholic church. To Mathias and Margaret Michael were born a family of four children, namely: Peter, who died in Missouri; Catherine, wife of John Kline, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Mary, wife of Mr. Maurer; and Stephen, who resides in Missouri.

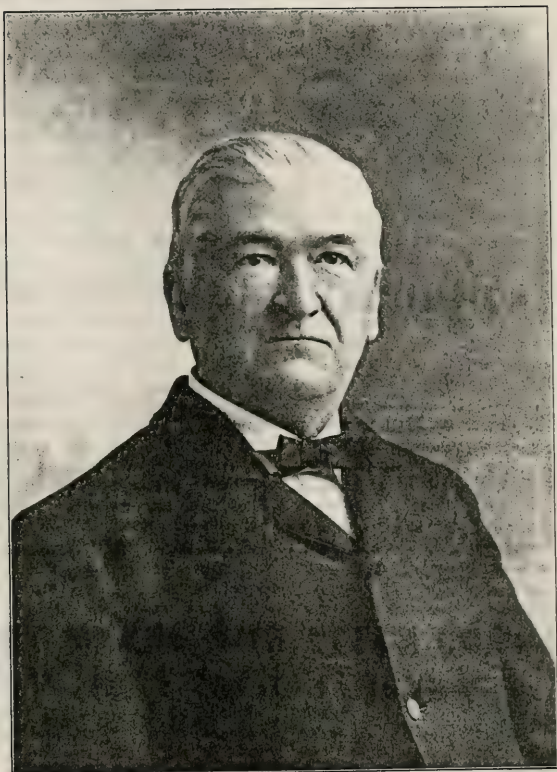
To George M. and Mary Maurer have been born ten children, as follows: George, Stephen and John, deceased; Mary, wife of George Sipp, of West Hempfield township; Frank, a silk weaver, who married, Sept. 25, 1902, Mary, daughter of Samuel Steedler; Joseph, deceased; Elizabeth, Simon and William, at home; and Charles, deceased. Mr. Maurer and family are members of the Catholic Church.

HENRY ZAHM RHOADS, who retired from the jewelry and art goods business some six years ago, only to engage more actively than ever in other pursuits, has an ancestry on both his father's and mother's side that goes back to the early days of 1700.

The first Rhoads of whom we have any account was Yohen Ludwig Roth (as the name was spelled in those days), who came to America from Bonfeld, Alsace, about 1728, and settled near the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa. Philip Roth, a son, accompanied him. In 1800 John Rhoads, grandfather of Henry Zahm, began writing the name as it is now written—Rhoads, instead of Roth. John Rhoads had three sons, William, Daniel and Jacob. All three became haters, although their father was a tailor, learning their trade with John H. Fox, a hat manufacturer, who had married their sister. Daniel and Jacob came to Lancaster in 1831 and began the hat business, Daniel retiring from the business in 1852, and Jacob in 1856. After discontinuing his trade Jacob Rhoads bought a large tract of land in the Eighth ward, and proceeded to develop that section, the commodious home which he built, and the fine orchard which he planted, being still in the possession of Henry Z. Rhoads. Jacob Rhoads was married, in 1838, to Elizabeth, daughter of Godfried Zahm, a well-known brushmaker, prominent in the affairs of Lancaster. Five children blessed this union, two of whom are living, Henry Zahm and Emma, the latter the widow of







*W. B. Rhoads*



the late Henry Deitrich Groff. The Zahms came to America in 1730, from Herrnhut, Saxony, settling in Montgomery county, Maryland.

Henry Zahm Rhoads was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and, after leaving school, was engaged for a time at daguerreotyping, modern photography not having been known at that time. After this he became an apprentice to the jewelry business with Zahm & Jackson, and later, to perfect himself in watchmaking, served an apprenticeship with Theodore Wolf. He next went to Virginia, working as a journeyman jeweler and watchmaker until the war broke out, when he returned to Lancaster. On Oct. 12, 1861, Mr. Rhoads began the jewelry business on the north side of West King street, in partnership with C. J. Gillespie, and nine months later bought Mr. Gillespie's interest. His next venture was in 1868, when, in partnership with his brother, Charles, he bought the old "Lamb Hotel," on the south side of West King street, and in 1869, H. Z. Rhoads & Bro. left the original stand on the opposite side of the street and removed to the old "Lamb Tavern" property, which they had converted into a modern store, and here Mr. Rhoads erected the first public clock (besides the courthouse clock) in the city. The property is now occupied by Metzger & Haughman, dry-goods merchants. After a time Mr. Rhoads built the elegant and substantial structure, now known as Nos. 4 and 6 West King street, and there the second public clock was erected, the third being in Centre Square. Charles Godfried Rhoads, his brother, became a partner in the business in 1865, and remained as such until his death, in 1882. Henry Z. Rhoads continued the business until 1896, when he retired, yet he did not retire from active pursuits, having since become interested in the business of the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, in partnership with Albert Rosenstein. He was also one of the promoters of the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, of which he is the present secretary, and which began business in August, 1897; although organized as a mutual company, it changed to a stock concern, and has already (1902) written over \$2,000,000 of insurance. Mr. Rhoads has also been considerable of a builder, having erected twenty fine dwelling-houses in the Eighth ward, and owning the ground for many more. In the summer of 1901 he added to his building operations by erecting an elegant home for himself on South Prince street, the house being fashioned after a Parisian model. While in the jewelry and art business Mr. Rhoads visited Europe five times, bringing over such treasures in jewels and art goods as were never before (nor since) offered to Lancaster purchasers in the home market.

Twice the Democrats of the Eighth ward have elected Mr. Rhoads a member of the board of school directors, and he proved as industrious and intelligent in the direction of school matters as he did in his own affairs.

Mr. Rhoads was married, in young manhood, to Miss Anastasia McConomy, daughter of the late Peter McConomy, one of Lancaster's most prominent citizens, and who was for twenty-nine years treasurer of the Lancaster school board. Two children were born of this union: Rebecca, who was the wife of Dr. W. H. Lowell, but who entered into rest in 1893; and Godfried Zahm, connected with the Lancaster Silver Plate Company.

**SAMUEL MARTIN.** One of the very prosperous general farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, is Samuel Martin, who was born Jan. 29, 1835, on the homestead which is still his residence. His parents Joseph and Magdalena (Oberholtzer) Martin, were born in Salisbury and Cocalico townships, respectively. Joseph Martin engaged in farming in his native township until 1876, when he retired from active life, but he retained his home on the farm until the spring of 1892, when he moved to Bareville, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 19, 1900, at the age of seventy-six years; his wife died in 1869, when she was forty years old. Both parents were devout members of the Mennonite Church, and the remains of the mother were interred in Hershey's cemetery, and those of the father in Groffdale. Their eleven children were born in the following order: Elizabeth, wife of John Keaner, a farmer of Strasburg; Magdalena, deceased wife of Elam Landis; Anna, widow of Benjamin Brackbill; Samuel, whose name opens this biography; Abraham, deceased; one that died in infancy; Joseph, Henry, Isaac and David, all deceased; and another that died in infancy. Susanna, a step sister of these children, is also deceased.

Samuel Martin has passed his entire life on this farm, which by inheritance is now his own, and which comprises 101 acres. He has improved the place in many respects over its former conditions, and keeps it under a high state of cultivation, being familiar with all its details and capabilities, and being himself thoroughly trained to agriculture. His success, however, is greatly due to his own industry and good management, and it is doubtful whether or no there is a farm of its size in the township more productive, or which presents to the eye of the passer-by a more pleasing ideal of rustic beauty, or agricultural thrift.

On Nov. 19, 1876, Samuel Martin was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Landis, at New Holland, Lancaster county, and of whose genealogy something additional will be said. This union was blessed with sixteen children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of Martin Weaver, a farmer in Earl township, and has three children: Hettie, deceased; Lizzie, Abraham and Nettie, still at home; Lydia, deceased; Emma, at home; Landis, deceased; Amanda, Anna, Samuel, Jr., and Katie, also at home; Amos, deceased; Ella, deceased; and Ada and Joseph, still under the parental roof.

Mrs. Amanda (Landis) Martin was born in Lea-





cock township, Lancaster county, Sept. 22, 1855, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Buckwalter) Landis, the former of whom was a son of Christian and Mary (Landis) Landis, and the latter a daughter of Abraham and Esther (Hoover) Buckwalter, both families being prominent and greatly respected farming people of Lancaster county, and residing in Eden and Upper Leacock townships, respectively. Levi Landis was called from earth Dec. 14, 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. In religious belief he was a Mennonite, and was buried in Hershey's cemetery. His widow, who was born May 27, 1825, has her home on the same farm with her son-in-law, Mr. Martin. To Levi and Mary Landis were born six children, namely: Elam, a farmer in Earl township; Hettie A., deceased wife of David Groff; Amanda, now Mrs. Samuel Martin; Emma, Anna M. and Lydia, at home.

Samuel Martin is the owner of as fine a farm as there is in Salisbury township, and his skillful management keeps it fully up to the standard. He has ever been industrious and thrifty, upright and public-spirited, and ready at all times to contribute his share toward the promotion of such public works as may result in the benefit of the neighborhood in which he lives. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican, and is universally honored as a citizen.

**SAMUEL L. CARPENTER.** Prominently identified with the development and growth of Lancaster county for a number of years, the name of Carpenter has become associated in the public mind with uprightness of character, and honest and energetic business methods. The original founder of this family was Henry Carpenter, who came from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and settled at Germantown, Pa., as early as 1668. In 1700, he returned to his native land, and there married Salome Ruffner, of the Canton of Zurich, and in 1706, with his wife and two small sons, Emanuel and Gabriel, four and two years of age, respectively, returned to Germantown. In 1717 he removed to Lancaster county, settling first in West Lampeter, but subsequently in West Earl. His birth occurred in 1675, and his death between 1743 and 1748. The children born to the emigrant founder of the family were: Emanuel, born in 1702; Gabriel, born in 1704; Salome; Dr. Henry; Christian; Daniel; Mary; and Jacob. During the war of the Revolution, Emanuel Carpenter was a member of the Committee of Safety.

Gabriel Carpenter married Apalina Herman, who was born in 1702, and died in 1767, and their children were: Christian, Salome, Jacob, Catherine, Susannah, Daniel, John, Mary and Elizabeth.

Christian Carpenter was born in 1729, and died in 1800. He married Susan Herr, and their children were: Jacob, who became colonel of the 5th Battalion of the Lancaster county militia, during the Revolutionary war; Joel; Daniel; Catherine; Susan; John; Christian; Salome; and Nancy.

Joel Carpenter, the second son of Christian and Susan (Herr) Carpenter, was born in 1758. He married Margaret Defenderier and reared these children: Ephraim, Miles, Giles, Aaron, Allen, Charles, Bryan, Elizabeth, Susan, Sophia, Esther and Catherine.

Giles Carpenter, the third son of Joel and of the fifth generation in America, married Jane McClintick, and they had these children: Amanda, born Oct. 27, 1832, married Solomon Weaver, but is deceased; Margaret, born June 20, 1834, married Philip Lash, and they now reside in Michigan; James L., born Jan. 18, 1837, is deceased; Martha, born Jan. 16, 1839, married Isaac Beard, and resides in Illinois; Beinda, born Feb. 3, 1840, married Amos Sellers, and they reside in Lancaster county; Alvin, born Aug. 21, 1841, married Ellen Fees, and they reside in Beavertown; Arabella, born March 16, 1843, married Adam Good, a resident of Farmersville, but she has passed away; and Samuel L. is the subject of this biography.

Samuel L. Carpenter was born Oct. 1, 1844, and very early became accustomed to the duties pertaining to farm life, at the age of eight years being hired out to a neighboring farmer by the name of John Oberholtzer. His duties were such as a lad of his age could perform, and he was paid \$1.50 per month, these conditions continuing until he was seventeen years old, the summers being filled with farm work, and the winters with attendance at the district school. So well did Mr. Carpenter embrace every opportunity for acquiring an education, that before he was eighteen he was employed to teach in the public schools of West Earl township, continuing until he entered the Construction Corps of the United States army, where he remained for six months. As soon as he had become of age, he enlisted in the 21st P. V. C., and with the Army of the Potomac bravely did a soldier's duty; he participated in the campaigns before Richmond and Petersburg, and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge.

Returning then to his home, Mr. Carpenter again took up his professional work during the winters, following the carpenter trade in the summer time, but in 1872 he opened up a butchering business and pursued that until 1876, when he entered into his present line, that of hides and tallow. Possessing excellent business ability, Mr. Carpenter has dealt successfully in live stock for the past twenty years, still continuing in this profitable line, with headquarters at the "Leopard Hotel," in Lancaster.

On Sept. 5, 1869, Mr. Carpenter was married to Miss Mary McCloud, a daughter of Reuben and Susannah (Shirker) McCloud, of West Earl township, and one child was born of this union, Stella J., born March 8, 1871, who married Lemon Shirker, of West Coalco township, and has one son, Samuel Carpenter, the idol of his grandfather, born Dec. 13, 1899.

Mr. Carpenter has never taken any great interest in politics, but was appointed census enumerator,



in 1870. and was re-appointed in 1880, but refused to qualify. For a number of years he has been township auditor and school director, and has always been interested in all matters pertaining to the advancement of his section. Although he began life in indigent circumstances, Mr. Carpenter is not disposed to consider that any disadvantage to an industrious, ambitious and energetic young man. As one of the wealthiest men of the township, he is in a position to speak with knowledge, and he attributes his universal success in all his undertakings, to his close and constant attention to business and the exercise of good judgment. The township has in many ways profited by his generosity, and he stands high in its esteem. Both Mr. Carpenter and wife are consistent members of the New Mennonite Church.

CHRISTIAN B. STOLTZFUS is a descendant of a family long settled in America, his first ancestor in this country, Nicholas Stoltzfus, coming in 1766 from his native place, Zweibruecken, Germany, and settling near Reading, in Berks county, Pa. His wife had died in Germany, and he brought with him his four children, one son, Christian (then aged eighteen years), and three daughters. He took up his home on a farm near Reading, and devoted his life to its cultivation.

Christian Stoltzfus first married a woman named Garver, by whom he had three children, John, Jacob and Christian, all of whom lived and died in the neighborhood, and were buried in the Moyer graveyard, excepting the mother, whose remains were interred near Reading. Christian Stoltzfus married for his second wife the widow Lanz, whose maiden name was King; she had by her first husband two children, John and Samuel. To her marriage with Christian Stoltzfus were born: Abraham, David, Solomon, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anna, Barbara, Esther and Magdalena, all of whom were buried in the Mill Creek burying-ground. After his second marriage Christian Stoltzfus came into Lancaster county, and settled near Risler's Mill, where he owned large tracts of land, and was a life-long farmer. He was one of the first Amish ministers to settle in that part of the State, becoming one of the bishops of that church, and lived to attain a great age.

Christian Stoltzfus, noted above, was born in Berks county, and when but a young lad came with his parents into Lancaster county, where he lived all his days. He followed farming, and proved himself a most industrious and upright man, and was well known, especially in the Amish Church, of which he was a zealous and devout member. Mr. Stoltzfus married Anna Blank, by whom he had a family of three sons and six daughters, Samuel, Christian, John, Catherine, Rebecca, Anna, Barbara, Elizabeth and Susanna.

Samuel Stoltzfus, the father of Christian B., whose name introduces this article, was born in 1812, and was a lifelong farmer, locating on a ninety-acre farm in Earl township, about a half mile north

of New Holland, where he lived for many years. Later in life he bought another farm of eighty-five acres, half a mile west of the old place, where he spent the rest of his life, dying April 25, 1883. He was a devout member of the Amish Church.

Mr. Stoltzfus married Miss Elizabeth Biler, a daughter of David Biler, whose home was near Rauck's Station, in East Lampeter township. She died in 1860, at the age of forty-five years, six months, twenty-three days. They had the following children: Benjamin, a retired farmer, whose home is in Berks county; David, deceased; Anna, deceased, who married David Umble; Jacob, a farmer in East Earl township; Samuel, deceased; Christian B.; Simeon, deceased; and Susannah and Rebecca, both unmarried, who make their home with their brother Christian B., on the farm about a half mile north of New Holland.

Christian B. Stoltzfus was born Dec. 24, 1843, and was reared on the farm where he was born, in Earl township, receiving his education in the common schools. For the last thirty years he has been farming for himself, and now owns one of the fine farms of the county. It comprises seventy-five acres, on which he has erected a good farm residence, and also a commodious frame barn. Many other valuable improvements have been effected by him, and every foot of ground indicates active and intense farming. Mr. Stoltzfus is a broad-minded and progressive man, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to anything that looks to the public good. He belongs to the Amish Church.

AARON H. SHANK, a general farmer in West Donegal township, was born in the township in which he is living, June 7, 1844, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Heisey) Shank, both natives and lifelong residents of West Donegal township. The father was a farmer and veterinary surgeon of high standing. For many years he was school director. He died Jan. 18, 1870, at the age of seventy-one years and the mother died in Feb., 1893, at the age of ninety-one years. Their remains are resting in a private burying ground on their old homestead. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following children: Susan, who died in infancy; Mary and Henry, deceased; Catherine, who died single, at the age of sixty years; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Martin Winters; Anna, the wife of David H. Meyers, a farmer in West Donegal township; Jonathan, who died young; Rachel, who died unmarried, at the age of fifty-six years; Jacob, a farmer in West Donegal township; Aaron H., whose name appears above; Samuel, who died at the age of thirty years, and John, who died young.

Jacob Shank, the paternal grandfather of Aaron H., spent his life in Lancaster county. Henry and Susan (Berk) Heisey, the parents of Mrs. Catherine Shank, were natives of Lancaster county.

Aaron Shank and Mary A. Barnhart were married Aug. 11, 1867, in Elizabethtown, and became





the parents of the following children: Samuel, who lives in Florin, Pa., married Sadie Shires, and is the father of three children, Lizzie (deceased), Mary and Ruth. Katie is the widow of Abraham G. Nisslev, and makes her home with her parents, bringing back with her two children, Paul (now dead) and Clarence; Irvin and Phares, both at home.

Mrs. Mary A. Shank was born in West Donegal township, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Barnhart, both born in West Donegal township. Her father, who was born Oct. 27, 1821, retired from farming shortly after the death of his wife, who died April 13, 1890, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following children: Lizzie, who died in infancy; Mrs. Mary A. Shank; Lovina, who married Cyrus Schroll, a resident of East Donegal township; Uriah, deceased, and Louisa, who married William Geibe, and lives in Dauphin county, where he is engaged in farming.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Shank were John and Susan (Sherbone) Barnhart, both natives of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were Michael and Polly (Hess) Eshleman, of Lancaster county.

Aaron H. Shank remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he bought a farm in Mt. Joy township. On that place he made his home until 1896, when he came to his present location. His hard working habits and strict integrity, together with his genial disposition and kindly nature have won him the respect and confidence of the public to a marked degree. For two years he served as supervisor, and his judgment on public affairs is regarded as worthy of close attention. Mr. and Mrs. Shank are members of the Mennonite Church; in politics, he is a Republican.

**WILLIAM H. WENTZ**, one of the leading and representative citizens of Martic township, was born there March 16, 1844, son of William G. and Hannah (Penny) Wentz, of Lancaster county.

William G. Wentz, the father, was born in 1812, and died in 1871. He was a son of Joseph Wentz, of German origin, who had these children: John, Isaac, William, David, Thomas, Joseph, Matilda, Sarah, Susan and Maria, all deceased except Thomas and Maria. William G. Wentz married Hannah M. Penny, in 1836, and they had a family of six children, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary M., the widow of Elias Aument, of Greene, Pa.; Isaac J., of Harrisburg; William, of this sketch. William G. Wentz was one of the leading citizens of his township and very acceptably filled a number of the local offices.

William H. Wentz of this sketch was reared to farming life, and attended the public schools. He has always taken a great interest in agricultural matters and is justly regarded as one of the best farmers of this locality. In politics he is a sound Republican. In 1900 he was made census enumerator, ful-

filling his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. For eighteen years he has served as school director, holding the office of secretary the whole time, and has been interested in all legislation looking to the advancement of education.

On Sept. 12, 1872, Mr. Wentz was married to Miss Louisa A. Yost, born in 1851, daughter of Charles K. Yost and sister of Dr. John F. Yost, of Bethesda, Pa. (An extended mention of the Yost family will be found in another part of this volume.) To this marriage were born three children, namely: Walter G., who died in childhood; Charles Elvin, born Oct. 14, 1879, residing in Martic township, unmarried, and Lelia E., at home.

Mr. Wentz and family belong to the Methodist Church in Bethesda, in which he is both trustee and steward. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias at Rawlinsville, and the Knights of the Mystic Chain, at Mt. Nebo. He is known in his neighborhood for his integrity and uprightness of character, and his personal qualities make him esteemed as a neighbor, friend, husband and father.

**PHILIP LEBZELTER**. Among the prominent men of Lancaster who have materially assisted in its growth as an industrial center is Philip Lebzelter, proprietor of the Eagle Wheel & Bending Works of that city, and who, although he has reached the age of seventy-three years, is still quite capable of taking active interest in the business which he founded in 1856.

Mr. Lebzelter was born March 9, 1829, in Neulautern, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John and Catherine (Roeser) Lebzelter, both of whom were natives of Germany, where their whole lives were spent. John Lebzelter was a man of prominence in his native community, and for twenty-four years was the burgomaster of the village. By trade he was a woodturner. His death occurred in 1864, at the age of eighty-four years, and that of his wife in 1854, at the age of fifty-eight years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their seventeen children we have record of the following: Hannah, who is the widow of Jacob Woerner, a farmer living near Tremont, Ill.; Christian, who died in Germany; Elizabeth, deceased, Mrs. Kline: Wilhelm, deceased, who was a skilled wood worker, and had a family of fourteen children; J. Philip, whose name opens this sketch; Philopena, who married Albert Hoch, deceased, a prominent man in his native town in Germany; and Catherine, who married John Shlipf, a farmer in Germany.

Philip Lebzelter served an apprenticeship with his father and thoroughly learned the business of woodturning. On June 22, 1849, with his brother, Wilhelm, he left Antwerp, and after a voyage of thirty-eight days landed in New York. They went to relatives in Pennsylvania, but not finding work there nor in the German settlement in Lehigh and Berks counties, Philip walked to Reading, Pa.





W. F. Lebzeken



Philip Lebzeken





There he found employment on the Muhlenburg farm, at \$4 per month, but his faithful services were recognized, and he was paid at the rate of \$5 a month. Going from there to Reamstown, he was employed by John Killiam in his woodturning shop for a short time. In the meantime his brother William had been successful in the same line of work in Allegheny, Pa., and had written Philip to join him, which he did, working in the same shop where Andrew Carnegie was once the assistant engineer. This shop was owned by John Hay, and when he died it was bought by William Lebzelter, the price being \$1,400. The business prospered during his life, and after William's death his widow attempted to carry it on, but owing to other duties she could not give it necessary attention, and to relieve her Philip Lebzelter bought it. He soon found that his business interests in Lancaster would suffer, and he was obliged to dispose of it.

Mr. Lebzelter came to Lancaster, and first secured work in the woodturning shop of Bowers & Eshleman, where he continued for one and one-half years, and in 1854 began his present business, purchasing a lot on South Queen street, opposite the "Columbia Garden Hotel," and erecting a small shop. Prosperity smiled on him, and a year later he leased of James Potts the present site of the business house of Philip Lebzelter & Son. When his leased expired, at the end of three years, another firm secured the site, and Mr. Lebzelter returned to his South Queen street factory. In 1862 he purchased the present site, and has been there ever since. His business was started with limited means, and in a modest way, but its founder was a skilled worker as well as an excellent business man, and with each year of its existence, under his judicious management, it expanded, until now it is one of the leading industrial plants of the city. From a shop force of two men, in 1865, Mr. Lebzelter gradually required more help, even with the introduction of much labor-saving machinery, and now thirty-eight men are employed, and the output of manufactured goods includes second-growth hickory bent rims, shafts, poles, spokes, wheels, bows, reaches, banded hubs, a specialty being made of fine-grade wheels. The plant is located at No. 241 North Queen street, Lancaster. It is worthy of note that the first labor-saving machinery used was of the founder's own invention. The strict business methods and upright manner of dealing with the public that have marked this business from the beginning, and have contributed to its rapid growth and development, are continued under the active management of William F. Lebzelter, the most efficient and capable son of Philip Lebzelter, who since 1901 has been the manager of the works.

On April 2, 1854, in Lancaster, Mr. Lebzelter married Elizabeth Heleine, who was born in Lancaster in 1834, daughter of Philip and Mary Heleine, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. Mr. Heleine was a stocking weaver by

trade, and carried on that business in Lancaster, and when he retired from activity he moved to Reading, where his last years were spent. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lebzelter were: Katie, Frank and Emma all died young. William, born Nov. 11, 1866, is now the manager of his father's large plant; in 1890 he married, in Little Falls, N. J., Miss Emma V. Hoff, by whom he has two children, Florence B. and Marian K. Charles, born Jan. 12, 1869, was killed while coasting in Reading, Pa., and buried on his twelfth birthday.

In politics Mr. Lebzelter is a staunch member of the Republican party, but with the exception of six years of service in the city council he has never accepted office, although his peculiar fitness for positions of trust and responsibility has long been recognized. Many very flattering offers have been made him, to induce him to connect himself with various financial institutions, but he has confined himself in a general way to his industrial plant and to real-estate transactions. He is a large property owner in various parts of the city of Lancaster, among his valuable holdings being the "Bridgeport Hotel," in East End Park, the "Schiller Hotel," in Lancaster, and the "American House," the latter being regarded as one of the two leading hotels in the city, a most desirable and remunerative property.

From childhood Mr. Lebzelter has been a member of the Lutheran Church, and he is a liberal supporter of all its charitable and benevolent enterprises. He is well and favorably known in the city. His English education was obtained by attending night school, Hon. J. B. Livingston, then a young lawyer and now president judge, being his teacher. A thorough business man, an excellent financier, scrupulously honest at all times, ambitious and energetic all his life, Mr. Lebzelter has accumulated large means through his own industry, and while so doing has won and retained the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

JAMES W. FITLER, a well-known conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, now residing in Columbia, was born in Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 27, 1843, and is a son of John K. and Rosina M. (Trainer) Fitler, the former a native of Fitler's Green (now Neffsville), and the latter of Columbia, both in Lancaster county. The family name was originally Fidler, but was changed by a school-teacher, named Rankin, two generations back. The grandfather of James W., Leonard Fidler, founded Fidler's Green in 1807, a village in which he built two hotels.

John K. Fitler was a carpenter, was a brewer for Scheide in Marietta and for thirty years was a boatman; he was a man of mark in Marietta, where he served as chief burgess and councilman and filled various other offices. There his wife expired June 17, 1876, when fifty-six years old and there his own demise took place, June 19, 1890, at the age of eighty; their remains were interred in St. Mary's



cemetery at Columbia. To the marriage of these parents were born the following named children: William, who died in infancy; James W.; Anna, who also died in infancy; Mary J., who is married to J. H. Hagemer, a contractor in Marietta; John H., also living in retirement in the same town; Edward P., a molder, in York; Frank B., a printer, in Philadelphia; Susan and Thomas, deceased.

Leonard Fidler, father of John K. Fidler, born on the old homestead of 360 acres in Rapho township, Lancaster county, was a butcher and carpenter. He married Barbara Kaufman, to which union were born: Nancy, who was married to John Kaufman; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Martha, married to Amos Kapp, and John K. The father of this family died in 1857 at the age of seventy-eight years and the mother in 1859, aged seventy-seven.

Leonard Fidler, the father of the Leonard mentioned above, was a native of Womelsdorf, Berks county, settled in Lancaster county, and followed farming until the end of life.

The maternal grandparents of James W. Fidler, Patrick and Rosina (Trainer) Trainer, were respectively born in County Tyrone and County Donegal, Ireland, came to America when children and were married in Wilmington, Del. Patrick Trainer was a contractor, and died in 1818, aged thirty-two years; his wife died in 1857, when sixty-six years old. Their children were named Susan, who was married to Peter Baker; Margaret, of Marietta, Pa.; Rosina M.; Ann, of Philadelphia, and Edward, deceased.

James W. Fidler began canal-boating at Marietta when but twelve years old and followed the calling until 1869; he next clerked for the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company three years; was next a brakeman for three months, then a flagman for nine months, and in 1872 came to Columbia; here he worked as a brakeman two weeks, as a flagman eighteen months, and was then promoted to his present position of conductor.

November 20, 1873, Mr. Fidler married Miss Mary A. Peoples, at Lancaster, and to this union have been born six children, viz: Marguerite, Rose M., James (killed by the electric cars in 1893), Mary R., Bernardine and Isabella. Mrs. Mary A. (Peoples) Fidler was born in County Donegal, Ireland, March 22, 1848, and is a daughter of James and Cecelia (Kennedy) Peoples, who came to America in 1848 and settled in Lancaster, Pa. James Peoples was a blacksmith and horseshoer, rose to prominence in Lancaster, was for many years a member of the select council, and died Dec. 9, 1880, at the age of sixty-five years; his wife died April 19, 1866, when but thirty-nine years old, the remains of both being interred in St. Mary's (Catholic) cemetery in Lancaster. To James and Cecelia Peoples were born the following children: Mary A. (Mrs. Fidler); Margaret C., deceased; James F., a machinist at Allegheny City, Pa.; Hugh, deceased; John H., a printer in Reading, Pa.; William, a plumber of Newark,

N. J., deceased; Stephan, a farmer and blacksmith in Chester county, Pa.; Charles, who died in Denver, Colo., in 1894, and Katie, who died young. The paternal grandfather of this family was a native of Scotland, whence he migrated to Ireland.

James W. Fidler is a sincere Catholic and a liberal contributor to the support of his church; in politics he is a sound Democrat.

**JACOB S. MUMMA.** Prominently identified with the growth and development of the industrial and farming interests of East Donegal township, which has been his home all his life, is Jacob S. Mumma, one of the most substantial citizens of this locality.

Mr. Mumma was born on his present farm, March 14, 1846, a son of Jonas and Catherine (Sherk) Mumma, the former a native of East Donegal, and the latter of Chestnut Hill, West Hempfield township, but both died on the farm now occupied by Jacob S. The father lived to the age of eighty-two, dying May 2, 1882, and the mother reached the same age, her death occurring Feb. 2, 1892, and both parents were buried in the Kraybill cemetery, in this township. They were most worthy members of the Mennonite Church, and had a family of three children: Jacob S.; Jonas, who married Ellen R. Nissley, died at the age of twenty-eight; and Catherine died young.

The paternal great-grandfather was Frederick Mumma, who was born in Switzerland and was a pioneer in Lancaster county. The grandfather was Jacob Mumma, who married Anna Kraybill, both of whom died on this farm, which has been in the possession of the family so many years. The maternal grandfather was Christian Sherk, which name was originally written, Sherrick.

Jacob S. Mumma has resided on this fine farm all his life, and every association of youth is connected in some way with these broad acres. General farming and some stockraising has been successfully pursued, and since 1890, a very profitable dairy business has also been operated here. This estate comprises 297 acres of some of the most fertile land in Lancaster county. Although an intelligent and progressive agriculturist finds a sufficient amount of labor connected with farming on an extensive scale, the drudgery and isolation which was, in times past, a necessary part of the life of a husbandman, have been changed, as the country has developed and machinery has been made to save time and labor, and now there is no more ideal life than that of the prosperous farmer. Mr. Mumma has taken advantage of modern methods and his farm is a very valuable, well-cultivated and desirable piece of property.

Jacob S. Mumma was married in Elizabethtown, Oct. 21, 1866, to Rebecca Nissley, and the children born of this union were: Anna, who married Harry S. Rich, cashier of the First National Bank, of Marietta, Pa., and died Oct. 24, 1901; Christian, who con-





ducts a meat business in Mt. Joy; Katherine, who married George C. Best, of Lancaster; Minerva, who is a nurse in the University Hospital, in Philadelphia; Jacob N., a steam fitter, in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, at home; Helen, who died in infancy; John M. and Harry J., at home.

Rebecca (Nissley) Mumma was born in Mount Joy township Nov. 30, 1848, daughter of Hon. Jacob and Elizabeth (Kraybill) Nissley, the former of whom died in Mount Joy township March 8, 1861, at the age of fifty-four. Until 1846, he lived the life of a farmer, but at that time was elected to the Legislature, and during the remainder of his life was occupied in the settling of estates, etc. The mother of Mrs. Mumma died in 1893, at the age of eighty-one, and was laid away in the Kraybill cemetery.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nissley were: Jacob K., a retired farmer of Florin, Pa.; Martha, who married Elias Eby, a retired farmer of East Donegal township; Barbara, who married Jonas Hostetter, of Florin, Pa.; Catherine, who married Michael H. Engle, a merchant of Elizabethtown; Elizabeth, who married David Rutt, a retired farmer of Sterling, Ill.; Anna E., who married Jacob E. Good, of West Donegal township; Rebecca; and Simon K., who conducts a restaurant in Lancaster.

For the past ten years, Mr. Mumma has testified his interest in the public schools, by acting as school director, and he has been very earnest in the discharge of his duties. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, and in politics, he is an active Republican. Mrs. Mumma is highly valued in the Mennonite Church, where she has long been recognized as a consistent member. The family is one of the leading ones in the township, and enjoys the esteem of all in this locality.

**BENJAMIN K. DENLINGER.** The Denlinger homestead is a well-known farm in East Lampeter township, and its present owner and occupant, Benjamin K. Denlinger, is a worthy representative of an honorable family, which for many years has given to Lancaster county some of its best citizens.

Benjamin K. Denlinger was born on this farm, located but three miles east of the flourishing city of Lancaster, Jan. 20, 1846, a son of Benjamin and Annie (Kreider) Denlinger. Grandfather Abraham Denlinger inherited, by title, from his father, seventy-two acres of the fertile soil of East Lampeter township, and the title has since been handed down by will. The birth of Abraham Denlinger reaches back to July 21, 1785, his life covering the intervening years until March 6, 1836. He married Annie Landis, and their children were: (1) Martin, born on April 30, 1812, who married Barbara Johns, and died Feb. 5, 1879, the father of three children; a daughter who married Rev. John Landis, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Abraham, who died April 25, 1850, aged sixteen years, three months and twenty-seven days; and Martin, Jr., who married

Anna Groff, and died at the age of thirty-nine years, ten months and one day, leaving his widow with ten children, the youngest six weeks old. These children were: Emma, who married Samuel Herr; Barbara, who married John Denlinger; Lizzie, unmarried; Anna, wife of John Zimmerman; Elain, who married a Miss Burkholder; David, a teacher for a number of years; Martin; Salinda, wife of Jason Ranck; Abraham, a teacher; and Ida, wife of Reuben Buchwalter. One child, Mary, who died aged seven years, nine months and twenty-six days, preceded the father to the grave. (2) Benjamin, born Aug. 6, 1814, died Aug. 27, 1888. (3) Mary, born Nov. 26, 1808, became the wife of John Kreider, and died June 11, 1863. (4) Barbara, born Feb. 4, 1824, became the wife of Daniel Kreider, and died Sept. 8, 1844, aged nineteen years, seven months and three days. (5) Elizabeth, a twin sister to Mary, married Tobias Leaman, and died at the age of seventy-seven years, four months and twenty-six days.

The homestead was the abiding place of Benjamin Denlinger and wife, all their lives, and here they reared a large family of children, teaching them good principles and giving them wise, Christian counsel, and surrounding them with pious influences. These children were: Martin and John, both of whom are mutes; Abraham, who first married Annie Buchwalter, a daughter of Rev. David Buchwalter, and second, Hettie Landis, a daughter of Benjamin Landis; Annie, deceased, married David L. Buchwalter, a son of Deacon Michael Buchwalter; Benjamin K., of this sketch; Tobias K., who married Martha Brubaker, a daughter of Deacon John Brubaker; Daniel K., who married Hettie Hershey, a daughter of Jacob S. Hershey; Esther K., who married John Musser; Mary K. and Elizabeth K., twins, the former of whom is the widow of Henry E. Metzler, a son of Abram Metzler, and the latter, the wife of Christian M. Brackbill, a minister in the Mennonite Church; Barbara K., who married John H. Mellinger, a son of Jacob Mellinger; Lydia K., a mute, who married Daniel Rohrer, also a mute; Catherine K., a mute, who married Henry Kuip, also a mute.

Benjamin K. Denlinger received but few educational advantages. His entire life has been devoted to farming, in which he has taken much enjoyment, and under his ownership the old homestead improves every year. The location of this farm is most desirable, the old Philadelphia pike road running through the land. Until 1893 the family resided in the old house, but in that year, Mr. Denlinger erected his present most comfortable brick residence, and one year later completed the barn and other buildings needed in the management of a large estate. Not only is Mr. Denlinger a superior farmer, but he is also a floriculturist, and has built two commodious greenhouses, 21x60 and 23x100 feet, fitted with all conveniences, where he gives much time and attention to flowers of all kinds, succeeding well in their culture.



In 1868 Mr. Denlinger was united in marriage to Maria Wenger, a daughter of Joseph Wenger, the death of the latter occurring when his daughter was but fifteen years of age. Five years later, Mrs. Denlinger was bereft of her mother, also. To Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger were born: Annie; Benjamin W., who married Lydia Lefever, a daughter of Daniel Lefever, and operates his father's farm; Mary W., who died at the age of four years, six months and twenty-four days; Abraham W., who married Bertha Mary Leaman, a daughter of Amos Leaman; John W., who was always an invalid, and who died at the age of seventeen years, six months and twenty-four days; Harry W.; Martin W.; Joseph W.; and Katie W.

Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger are leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, in which faith they have carefully reared their family. Mr. Denlinger has been a generous contributor, and when the Melinger Church was built was an active member of the building committee. His interest in its progress and extension of influence is great, and he has the charge of the grounds and cemetery. The family is one which enjoys the respect of the community, and all are known as most estimable, upright people.

MISS PAULINE LAMPARTER, daughter of the late Everhardt Lamparter, and sister of Mrs. Eugene Bauer (both of whom are fully mentioned elsewhere), makes her home with her brother, Everhardt, the well known glue manufacturer of Rockland street. Miss Lamparter, though keeping house for her brother, is the owner of a very fine home in the Third ward of Lancaster. She was educated in the schools of Paradise township and Lancaster city, and is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and of most kindly nature. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and is never so happy as when she is brightening the lives of those less fortunate than herself.

JOHN H. WEAVER. The family of Mr. Weaver, who is widely known and universally esteemed as one of the most successful farmers in East Lampeter township, has achieved no little distinction in both church and secular affairs. For three generations its members have borne the reputation of skillful agriculturists, good citizens and devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, to whose ministry they have contributed two preachers of note.

John H. Weaver is a grandson of John, who was the father of three sons and one daughter, all deceased. The daughter, Nancy, married Conrad Sitzman. The sons were named John, David and Henry. John and Henry belonged to the clergy of the Reformed Mennonite denomination. Henry, the father of John H. Weaver, was a farmer, as had been his father. He was noted for his earnest Christian character, his piety having that vitality which actuated and controlled all his dealings with

his fellow men. He married Anna Howry, who bore him four children. He passed away in September, 1898, and sleeps in the quiet grave yard which lies near the old Longenecker meeting house. John H. was the eldest child; the others were Henry, Anna and Levi, the last named a Mennonite minister, who married Ella Fraley, and lives in Strasburg township.

John H. Weaver was born Oct. 1, 1842. He inherits from his ancestors a love for the soil and from them has also descended to him an earnest faith, which is attested by his work. His life has been the quiet, uneventful one of a prosperous farmer, void of any ambition other than to perform well each duty of life as it presented itself to his mind and hand. His marriage to Frances, daughter of Martin Weaver, which occurred in 1872, has been blessed by the birth of three children, Elmer, Charles and Cora.

Elmer Weaver, the eldest son, is one of the most extensive and successful horticulturists in Lancaster county. His greenhouses with the contiguous land, where are situated the other appurtenances of his plant, cover 33,508 square feet, and the amount of glass used in covering them exceeds 37,000 square feet. His chief markets are Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, to both of which points he is a large shipper. His specialty is carnations, although he also sends to market large quantities of violets, mignonette, smilax, asters and sweet peas. On May 3, 1899, he was married to Miss Alice Kohr, a daughter of Jacob Kohr, of Manheim township. In that same year he built, from plans conceived and drawn by himself, a handsome residence, replete with all the conveniences known to city homes, and there he now lives.

SAMUEL NISSLY. Prominently identified with the financial interests of Lancaster county is Samuel Nissly, president of the Lincoln National Bank, at Lincoln, Pa., and also a director and stockholder in the Lancaster Bank, and the Lititz National Bank, at Lititz, Pa. For more than sixty years he has been before the public and stands as a worthy example of uprightness of life and careful and conscientious work.

Samuel Nissly comes of Swiss stock, the first emigrant of the name coming to the State of Virginia about 1720, and from there came Grandfather Martin Nissly, who located in Lancaster county. Martin Nissly was born in 1759, and died in 1822, leaving two children: Henry and Catherine.

Henry Nissly married Catherine Martin about 1805, and reared a family of nine children: Peter, Martin, Henry, Samuel, John, Isaac, Elizabeth, Catherine and Annie, the three daughters living on the old home place in Clay township, while the brothers all, except Samuel, have passed away.

Samuel Nissly was born May 29, 1815, and like many another who has come to the front in other walks of life, he was reared on a farm, although his







SAMUEL NISSLY



inclinations did not induce him to select an agricultural life as a profession. At the age of eighteen he went to Lititz to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, returning three years later to Clay township, where for a few years he pursued this avocation. Being of a mathematical turn of mind, he then took up surveying and conveyancing, under instructions from his uncle, Peter Martin, and followed that line for some sixty years.

In 1850 Mr. Nissly was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and so efficiently has he served that he has been retained continuously ever since, his present term not expiring until 1905, a most unusual term of service. In 1844 he was one of the organizers of the Northern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and for the following fifty-six years served it in the capacities of director, secretary, treasurer and president, lately resigning the last named position. Mr. Nissly was also interested in other financial organizations, and is at present president of the Lincoln National Bank, an office he has held since its organization in 1884. He was one of the organizers of the Ephrata National Bank, and is also a director and stockholder in both the Lancaster Bank and the Lititz National Bank. Mr. Nissly possesses considerable valuable property in this locality, four fine farms and other real estate, and he resides somewhat retired at his home in Clay township, three-quarters of a mile from Lincoln, Pa., just across the line in Clay township from Ephrata township.

In politics Samuel Nissly is an ardent Republican, and cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Known far and wide for his honesty and his adherence to his convictions of right, no citizen of Lancaster county stands higher in the esteem of the public.

**PHARES S. MOORE.** Eminently fitted by inherited talent and by a liberal education for important business responsibilities, Phares S. Moore, proprietor of the Keystone rolling mill in West Hempfield township, is one of the best known citizens of the western part of Lancaster county. He was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies Nov. 19, 1862, son of Michael H. and Barbara (Stoner) Moore.

Michael H. Moore, a prominent business man of Lancaster county for many years, was born at Junction, Lancaster county, in 1818; he removed in 1854 to the farm in West Hempfield township, now occupied by his son. In 1862 he removed to Rohrerstown, and there operated an iron rolling mill for four years. Returning to his West Hempfield township residence, he there remained until 1897, when he removed to Lancaster. Though now well advanced in life he still attends to his own extensive business correspondence. Since 1894 he has been president of the Chestnut Hill turnpike. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Lancaster, of which he is now a director. He is a stockholder in the Conestoga Traction Co., and has

other large financial interests. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the old Mennonite church. He was the eldest son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Moore, pioneer farmers of Penn township, whose six children were Michael H.; John, engaged in the milling business in Rapho township; George, who died on the old farm; Martin, who also died on the old farm; Elizabeth, of Florin, widow of C. J. Heaston; and Harriet, of Philadelphia. Michael H. Moore married Barbara Stoner, daughter of Joseph H. and Barbara (Sprinkle) Stoner, farmers of York county, Pa. To Michael H. and Barbara Moore were born three children; Ella S., wife of Dr. Jacob F. Trexler, of Huntingdon; Phares S.; and Alice B.

Phares S. Moore was reared on the farm which he now occupies, and he has resided there continuously except while a student at school. He attended the district schools from the age of seven years until he was seventeen. Then for two years he was a student at York Collegiate Institute, York, Pa. His education was completed by a term at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His business career began with a clerkship in the First National Bank of Lancaster, where he remained three years, and there laid the foundation for a thorough and practical business career. Returning home he took charge of his father's milling business in West Hempfield township, continuing in that capacity until Nov. 1, 1898, when he purchased the property and has since successfully conducted the same. The mill on this site was first built by Christian Hertzler in 1811, and has been in the Moore possession for more than forty years. It is operated by water from the Big Chickies creek, and is of forty horse power capacity.

Mr. Moore married, in Penn township, in March, 1895, Miss Emma S. Gross. She is a native of Penn township, and a daughter of Levy S. and Elizabeth (Espenshaw) Gross, farmers of Penn township. To Phares S. and Emma S. Moore have been born three children, Michael G., Serena G. and Levi G. In politics Mr. Moore is a Republican.

**MOSES SNAVELY,** a retired miller, who is passing the last years of an industrious and highly useful life in an honorable retirement in Intercourse, Lancaster county, was born in that village Feb. 18, 1842, son of Joseph and Martha (Hershey) Snavely.

Joseph Snavely was born in Lebanon county, and the mother in Leacock township, Lancaster county. The father was a farmer all his life, but spent his last fifteen years in retirement. They were married in 1825, and lived for a time in Clay township, but presently removed to their farm in Leacock township, where the greater part of their mature lives was spent. He was born in 1801, and died Aug. 1, 1871; she was born in 1804, and died July 14, 1857. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains are resting in the cemetery connected with the Hershey Church.





Joseph and Martha Snively were the parents of the following family: Elizabeth, who lives in Intercoarse, unmarried; John, who died in 1900, unmarried; Joseph, living retired in Wayne county, Ohio, who married first a Miss Martin, and second, a Miss Tigert; Martha, deceased wife of Solomon Warner; Samuel, who married Anna Rudy, and is dead; Henry, a retired farmer in Earl township, who has had two wives, Elizabeth Hershey and Fanny Martin; Anna, married to Israel Eberly, a retired farmer of Stevens, Pa.; Benjamin, who is unmarried and living with his sister at Intercoarse; Moses; Jacob, who married Malinda Rutter, and lives in Wayne county, Ohio; Lydia, who died young; and Amos, a farmer in Wayne county, Ohio, who married a Martin.

The paternal grandparents of Moses Snively were John and Elizabeth (Long) Snively, who spent their married lives in Lebanon county. His father came from Germany. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Snively were John and Anna (Hurst) Hershey, both of Dauphin county, Pa. His father was born in Lancaster county.

Moses Snively was married in Leacock township to Miss Susanna Clark, and there were born to this union the following family: Hettie A., late wife of Phares Eby; Jesse Miller, who married Ida Lantz, and lives in Paradise township, where they have a family of three children, Elmer, Ralph and Jesse; Magdalena and Elizabeth, both of whom died young; Susie, at home. Mrs. Susanna (Clark) Snively, born in Salisbury township, May 2, 1846, is a daughter of Jesse and Hettie (Shirk) Clark, of Lancaster county. Her father was a farmer, but lived retired during the ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1893, at the age of eighty-one years. His widow survived until 1896, when she died at the age of eighty-one years. They were buried in Ashland county, Ohio, having removed to that section in 1869. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of the following family: Fanny, wife of Amos Esenshade of Lancaster county, who moved to Ashland county, Ohio, in 1866, and who had eighteen children; Martin, who married Jemima Hess, and is a life insurance agent in Ashland county, Ohio; Peter, a farmer in Salisbury township, who married Anna Brackbill; Susanna, the wife of Moses Snively; Jesse, who died young; John, who married in Ashland county, Ohio, and is a retired farmer; Catherine A., who died young.

Moses Snively remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four, when he began farming in Leacock township. Ten years later he purchased a mill in Paradise township, which he carried on for eighteen years, and then retired to a pleasant home in Intercoarse, leaving the mill in the hands of his son, who has become a very popular miller. Mr. Snively and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, and he is a Republican. For the last three years he has been a director of the Co-

nestoga National Bank at Lancaster. His business talents have long been recognized, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

HENRY F. HOSTETTER, a resident of Manheim township, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, and was born on the farm where he is now residing, Nov. 28, 1841, a son of Christian and Catherine (Frank) Hostetter. His father was born in Donegal township in 1805, and was there reared. A year after his marriage he purchased the farm on which his son, Henry F., is now residing. It comprises ninety-seven acres, and as long as the parents lived it was their home. It was about 1827 that the elder Hostetter bought it, and greatly improved it. In 1852 he erected the farm home, and there he lived until his death in 1879. The son of Christian Hostetter, he was a man of much character and force, and with his wife belonged to the Old Mennonite Church.

Catherine (Frank) Hostetter was born Sept. 2, 1807, and died in December, 1886. She was the daughter of Deacon John and Maria (Bowman) Frank. Christian and Catherine Hostetter had a family of ten children: Maria, late wife of Jacob Oberholtzer; Michael, a resident of Manheim borough, a retired farmer; John, a carpenter in Lancaster; Christian, a retired farmer of Donegal township; Catherine, the widow of Isaac L. Stoner, of Penn township; Henry F.; Benjamin, who died at the age of seventeen years; Anna, the wife of Joseph G. Gachenhauer, of East Hempfield township; David F., a farmer in Manheim township; one who died in infancy.

Henry F. Hostetter was born and reared on the old homestead, where he still resides, midway between Neffsville and Petersburg. Educated in the public schools, at the age of twenty-four he began operating the homestead, which he carried on for eleven years, when he moved to a farm belonging to Abraham Huber, near Lancaster, where he spent two years. On the death of his father he returned to the homestead to care for his mother during her declining years, and on her death he purchased fifty-seven acres of the family estate, and has made that his home till the present time. His entire attention is given to the tilling of his soil, and his name is classed with those of the most successful agriculturists of the section.

Mr. Hostetter was married Oct. 24, 1865, to Miss Anna B., a daughter of John and Fannie (Buckwalter) Huber, and born in Leacock township, May 9, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter are the parents of two children: Fannie, who died April 15, 1897, in her thirty-first year; and Katie, who is the wife of Willis S. Kilheffer, of Lancaster. They have two children, Annie and Abraham.

Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter are members of the Old Mennonite Church, of which he is a trustee. The family all stand high in the esteem and confidence of the community.



ABRAHAM BACHMAN, one of the progressive and public-spirited men of Lancaster county, belongs to one of the solid, respected and substantial families who for many years have taken part in the affairs of this part of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Abraham Bachman was born Aug. 13, 1843, a son of John and Anna (Herr) Bachman, in Pequea township, where he was reared and educated. His father was a competent cabinet-maker, and owned an establishment, and while but a lad Abraham took an interest in this trade and began working in wood also, later learning the trade of carpenter under the supervision of his brother, Benjamin H. Bachman. For many years he followed journey work, beginning contracting on his own account in 1875, since which time he has been busily engaged and is considered one of the most satisfactory workmen in his line in Lancaster county. Many of the best built residences and barns in this locality are the work of his skilled hands.

Abraham Bachman married Catherine Houser, a daughter of John Houser, of West Lampeter township, and five children have been born to this union: Jacob F., who is a farmer of West Lampeter township; Henry H., a mechanic in the employ of William Wohlsen, in his sash and door works, in Lancaster; A. Morris, a blacksmith of West Lampeter township; John W., a cabinet-maker and carpenter, associated with his father in business; and Lydia Ann, the wife of Moses R. Landis, of East Lampeter township.

The father and sons are all Republicans, and are among the best citizens of the township, well representing the business interests of that part of Lancaster county.

GEORGE M. DELP, one of the representative men of Manheim township, was born in Lower Leacock township, Lancaster county, Oct. 3, 1843, and is a son of John and Anna (Meixell) Delp.

John Delp was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and when a young man came to Lancaster county, where he met and married Miss Anna Meixell, who was a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of John Meixell, of Leacock township. After their marriage, the young couple spent several years in Montgomery county, Pa., and about 1840 returned to Lancaster county. Here John Delp died, about 1856, when he was fifty-five years of age. In his politics he was an ardent Abolitionist, and was the son of parents who were members of the New Mennonite Church. His widow with her two youngest sons went West to make her home near Sterling, Ill. She passed away at the age of seventy-eight years, having been the mother of twelve children: Jacob, who resides in Kansas, and is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion; Catherine, who married Henry Roland, of Manheim township, and is dead; Elizabeth, late wife of Henry Butt, of Lancaster; Mary, the widow of Henry Faltz, of

Lancaster county; Michael, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion and now a farmer in Kansas; John, who lives in Whiteside county, Ill.; Francis, who served in the Union army, and is a resident of Lancaster; George M.; David, who served in the Union army, and is a farmer and stock raiser in Wyoming; Samuel, who died at the age of two years; Samuel (2), a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and now a farmer in Whiteside county; Isaac, a mechanic and a stone mason in Kansas.

George M. Delp was reared to a farm life, and was compelled by the death of his father to care for himself at the early age of thirteen years. For several years he found employment among the neighboring farmers, working by the month until he was about eighteen years old. He attended school during the winter's season, and worked during the summer. It was a hard struggle but it fitted him for the activities of life before him, and was a large factor in his success.

Mr. Delp enlisted in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., Sept. 20, 1861, when he was less than eighteen years, and was mustered out March 4, 1865. Among the battles in which he bore a gallant part were those at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and at White Point, where he was taken prisoner; he was immured at Richmond, Danville and Andersonville, where he was confined eleven months, and then taken from there to Florence, S. C., and to Goldsborough, N. C., where he was rescued by the Union troops. On the first day at Chickamauga he was slightly wounded, but he has never recovered from the effects of his prison life. After he was mustered out, Mr. Delp returned home and for two or three years was engaged in the butcher business at Neffsville. After this for some two years he worked out by the month.

When Mr. Delp married, he settled on a farm, and for some two years lived on a rented place. Later he purchased a farm of twelve acres about a mile southwest of Neffsville, and this has been his home to the present time. His acreage has been increased by subsequent purchases of twelve acres in one tract and sixteen in another, and he proved himself a hard-working and successful farmer. He built the home in which he lives and the farm buildings have all been newly built by him. By his industry and thrift he has accumulated considerable property, and is well regarded by his fellow townsmen, who have elected him supervisor of Manheim township.

Mr. Delp was married in 1868 to Miss Maria Shriner, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Shriner, of Manheim township. To them came a family of seven children, all of whom are living: Ida, the wife of Benjamin Hertler, of Mechanicsville, Lancaster county; John, at home; Ulysses, who married Ellen Huber and resides in Warwick township; Sadie, the wife of Meno Hess, of Manheim township; Laura, Ellen and Mahlon, at home.

Mrs. Delp died in April, 1889. Mr. Delp belongs





to the Old Mennonite Church, is a man of much character, and stands well in the community where he has passed so many industrious and useful years.

HENRY M. MAYER, a resident of Rohrerstown who needs no introduction to the citizens of his section of Lancaster county, was born March 23, 1844, in Manheim township, on the farm now owned by the John Keller estate, near the city of Lancaster. He comes of old Pennsylvania stock, being of the sixth generation in descent from John Mayer, who came hither from Switzerland in the seventeenth century, and settled in Manheim township, taking up a large estate purchased from the Penns.

Martin R. Mayer, father of Henry M., was born in April, 1798, in Manheim township, near Lancaster City. He was the owner of some 540 acres, including the Keller farm before mentioned. For over thirty years he served in the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church.

Henry M. Mayer was reared in his native township, and received the greater part of his education in its common schools. He attended the Lititz Academy for two years, 1860 and 1861. Taking up the vocation to which he had been trained from boyhood, he worked on the farms of his father and brother until his marriage. In the spring of 1868 he commenced farming on his own account, in East Hempfield township, where he resided for seventeen years, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and acquiring a high reputation as one of the most intelligent, up-to-date farmers of that region. Diligence in the improvement of the land, the crops, the manner of cultivation, in everything, in fact, pertaining to the proper and profitable conduct of a farm, was rewarded with the most encouraging results. But Mr. Mayer in this, as in all other work he has undertaken, merely followed the natural bent of his character for thoroughness, perseverance and painstaking industry, and his place was as nearly a model farm as unceasing labor and judiciously expended means could make it. In 1885 he moved to Rohrerstown, in East Hempfield township, in order to give more attention to his surveying and conveyancing interests, which were becoming extensive, and there he has ever since resided, prominently identified with the town and its affairs. Mr. Mayer is holding important trusts in settling up and managing large estates, and he has by his fidelity and sterling integrity in the conduct of such business won the hearty respect of all with whom he has been associated. Mr. Mayer was the first vice-president of a national bank ever elected in Lancaster county and was one of the officers of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster when it was first organized.

In 1880 he was elected a trustee of the State Normal School at Millersville, which position he still holds, and since 1883 he has been chairman of the Committee of Instruction and Discipline of that in-

stitution. The affairs of his town have also received his attention, his services as member of the board of school directors in East Hempfield township covering the period from 1872 to 1884, during eleven years of which he was the efficient secretary of the board. All in all, Mr. Mayer has led a life alike of value to the community and creditable to himself, for although he had the advantage of worthy ancestry to give him standing in the world, he has lived fully up to the standard, and the universal esteem which he enjoys is the best evidence of what he has accomplished on his own merits alone. In 1878 he joined the Church of God at Rohrerstown, and the same year was elected one of the elders of the church, still serving in that capacity.

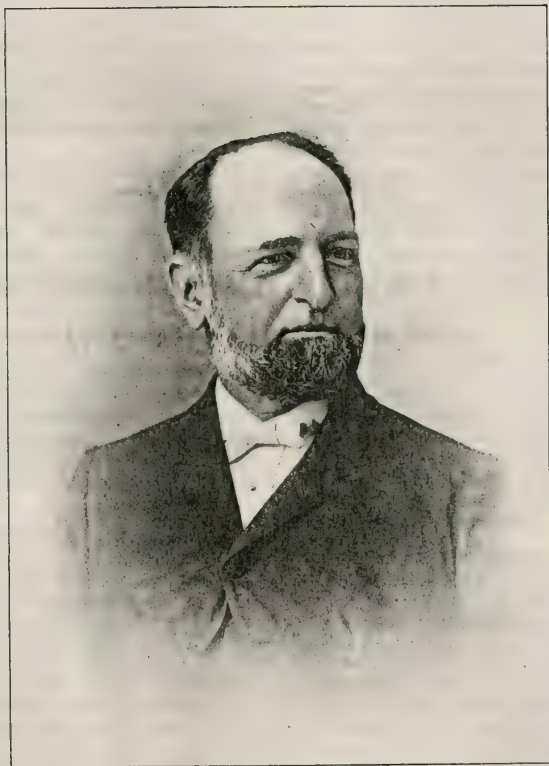
In November, 1867, Mr. Mayer was united in marriage with Frances M. Hershey, eldest daughter of J. Hoffman and Barbara Hershey, of West Hempfield township. Two daughters blessed this union, Dora E. and Mamie B., of whom Mamie died in her eighth year. Dora is the wife of Harry E. Hershey, treasurer of the Steinman Hardware Company, to whom she was married in February, 1900.

JOHN WITMER HESS, M. D. (deceased). Few physicians of Lancaster ever left behind them a more lasting memory than Dr. John Witmer Hess, who passed out of life Nov. 13, 1895, after a professional career marked with unusual success and followed with a faithfulness which precluded active interest in every other line of endeavor. Dr. Hess was, first, last and all the time, the physician, careful, patient, watchful and skillful.

The Doctor was born March 7, 1840, in Eden township, Lancaster county, and although only fifty-five years of life were granted him he accomplished more in alleviating pain and advancing his beloved science than have many whose life span extended much farther. He was a son of Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Hess, the former of whom was a farmer and also a hotel-keeper for many years on the Columbia pike, four miles west of Lancaster. The following children were born to Daniel Hess and his wife: Dr. John W.; Martin, a soldier during the Civil war, who has retired to the Soldiers' Home; Witmer J., a farmer at Mountville, Pa.; Edward, a farmer in Kansas; Catherine and Emma, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of John S. Hoover, of Mountville; Alice, who married George Trout, a farmer of Landisville; Ellen, who married Harry Dietrich, of Manor township; and Zena, deceased, who married Alfred Coble, of South Bend, Ind. The Hess family is of Swiss extraction and more extended mention of its members will be found elsewhere.

Dr. Hess received the educational advantages afforded by the district schools, and later graduated from the Millersville Normal School, where he was regarded as an unusually bright and ambitious student. Soon after he entered upon his medical reading, with Dr. Alexander Cassidy, of Millersville,





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and then entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in 1864, and immediately commencing practice with Dr. Cassidy, his old preceptor. Dr. Hess married, and then started upon his own career, remaining in Millersville until November, 1876, when he removed to Lancaster. Almost immediately he entered upon a large and engrossing practice, and, as stated, so faithfully did he attend to its demands that he refused all political or other office, although he sympathized strongly with the Republican party. He passed away in November, 1895, and was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. In 1873 he joined Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; and he also belonged to Chapter No. 43 R. A. M.; Council No. 19; Commandery No. 13, K. T.; The Lodge of Perfection; and the Knights of Pythias.

In 1864 Dr. Hess was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Baer, born in Hempfield township, daughter of Martin H. and Mary (Baer) Baer, the former of whom was a farmer. Mr. Baer died in 1837, at the age of thirty-five years, a member of the Mennonite Church, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery in Millersville. Mrs. Baer married (second) Jacob Bausman, more extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Hess is kind and liberal, and with other members of the family recalls Dr. Hess and his work with pardonable pride, justly considering him one of the representative men of Lancaster. Her pleasant home is in the city, where she is surrounded by many attached friends. She belongs to the Reformed Church. Her family also has long been a prominent one in Lancaster county.

EDWIN M. GILBERT, a leading member of the Lancaster County Bar, is a descendant of John and Florence Gilbert, who came to the American shores from Cornwall, England (where they belonged to an old and honored family), in company with William Penn in 1682. They settled in Byberry, on a land grant from the Penns, this ancient estate being still in the hands of their descendants. These early Gilberts were farmers by occupation, and Quakers in religion. The family came to Lancaster county in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled near Bird-in-Hand. When the Gilbert family removed from Bucks county they settled at Gilberton, in Carbon county, to which they gave their family name, and after living there six months they were captured in 1781 by the Indians and taken to Canada, where they were kept in captivity a number of years. There the elder Gilbert died, and his body was buried along the Niagara river. This was E. M. Gilbert's great-great-grandfather, and his grandfather, John, who was a farmer, was born in captivity.

Joseph H. Gilbert, father of Edwin M., died in 1893, in Eden township, where he was a farmer and had a tannery. Hannah H. Whitson, his wife, was the daughter of Micah Whitson, of a noted Quaker

family. This union was blessed with seven children, five of whom are living: Mary W., the wife of A. Walton, a farmer of Bart township; Anos, in the creamery business at Quarryville; Edwin M., of Lancaster; Hugh W., the postmaster at Quarryville, where he has a livery business; and Joseph H., a laundryman in Chester county.

Edwin M. Gilbert was born in Eden township, on the old homestead, March 9, 1862, and had his education in the district school, and in the Union Academy at Colerain, under Prof. Andrews, completing it in the State Normal School at Westchester. Young Gilbert then came to Lancaster to become a student in the law office of J. W. Johnson. For three years he studied law, and for a time taught school, pursuing his legal preparation during the interim of the school sessions, and was admitted to practice Oct. 14, 1885. Two years later, according to the rules of the courts, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior courts, in both of which he has since been a constant worker. Mr. Gilbert is an ardent Republican, and was honored with the position of solicitor for the prison inspectors of Lancaster county, and has served as, and is now, city solicitor of Lancaster.

On Jan. 2, 1887, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Carrie V. Yonkers, whose ancestors were the founders of the now famous Yonkers, N. Y. This union was blessed with one child, Rodney Yonkers, who is now a student of Yeates Institute. With the exception of the Young Republican Club, Edwin M. Gilbert belongs to no organization save the Society of Friends of Bart Meeting, Bart township, devoting his entire time to the practice of the law, in which he has been very successful.

JOHN G. WESTAFER, editor and proprietor of the *Elizabethtown Chronicle*, and one of the leading and most influential citizens of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., on April 8, 1850. His parents were George and Mary (Zimmerman) Westafer, of York and Dauphin counties respectively; the father was a man of prominence, being both constable and tax collector of Middletown for a period of twenty-five years. He passed out of life in 1863, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother survived until 1885, dying at the age of seventy-eight years; their burial was in the cemetery at Elizabethtown. They were consistent members of the Church of God.

John G. Westafer was the only child of his parents, and was educated in the public schools of Middletown. Between the ages of fifteen and nineteen he was under the tutorage of J. W. Stofer, in the printing business, on the *Middletown Journal*. In November, 1869, he came to Elizabethtown, and on Dec. 6 established the *Elizabethtown Chronicle*, this excellent journal being now in its thirty-fourth volume. It began its existence as a six-column folio, which has been enlarged into an eight-column folio, and it has a very large circulation among a



most intelligent class of readers. Mr. Westafer wields a ready and facile pen, keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, and gives his patrons a first-class, instructive and newsy journal, taking care to make it a paper suitable for all ages, and a proper frsiede companion. His efforts have been successful, and the influence he wields in the Republican party ranks is a very important political factor. Mr. Westafer has a complete job printing department connected with his office.

Mr. Westafer has held a number of positions of responsibility. For nine years, despite the cares of a growing business, he has been the very efficient president of the board of health, and has shown his interest in the schools by serving as director for three years. For twenty-eight years he has been a valued member of the I. O. O. F., and no one in his vicinity doubts his adherence to the principles of the Republican party.

In September, 1872, in Elizabethtown. Mr. Westafer was united in marriage with Miss Esther Weaver, who was born March 9, 1848, a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Minnich) Weaver, of West Donegal township, where the former was engaged as a carpenter and also in farming. The two children born to this union are: Jenny L., wife of Ambrose Raffensberger, who is the telephone pole inspector at Elizabethtown; and George W., who married Birdie Angstadt, and has three children, Vera, Ruth and John G. Since April 1, 1902, George W. has been engaged as a partner with his father in the printing business, under the firm name of John G. Westafer & Son, and he is also in the green-house business. The family are connected with the Lutheran Church, and are prominent in the social life of their town.

**LUKINS PENROSE**, of Liberty Square, Pa., was born in Drumore township, on the farm which he now owns, Sept. 6, 1845, a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Lukins) Penrose, the former a native of Bucks county and the latter of Montgomery county.

Benjamin Penrose was born in 1803 and was a son of Israel Penrose, who married Susan Folk, both being natives of Bucks county. The children born to Benjamin and Susan Penrose were: Jane, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, deceased, who married William Ambler, of Martic township; Edith, deceased, who married James Martin, of Union county, Ohio; Benjamin, the father of Lukins; and Joseph, who married Margaret Lukins.

Grandfather Israel Penrose came to Drumore township with his family in 1828 and purchased the farm and the mill property which is now known in this locality as Hess' Mills, and lived there until his death, in 1857. Benjamin Penrose, the son of Israel and the father of Lukins, was married about 1835, to Hannah Lukins, and the eight children born to this union were: Edith, the widow of Isaac Shoemaker, of Drumore township; Everard, a resi-

dent of California; Israel A., a retired farmer of Fairfield, Pa.; Lukins; Annie Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Sarah S. Rutter, who is living in Drumore. The others passed away in infancy. Benjamin Penrose died in 1881.

Lukins Penrose was reared on the pleasant farm and learned his father's trade in the mill. In 1865 he began farming operations, continuing through these years to carry on agricultural work, and his fine farm of 180 acres, which he inherited from his father, is well improved and very valuable.

Lukins Penrose was married on Dec. 17, 1866, to Miss Rachel Ankrim, of Drumore township, who passed out of life on Dec. 17, 1883, leaving a vacant place which has never been filled. In every way she was a good woman, a kind friend, and was devoted to her home and family. The children born to this union were: Benjamin E., born Nov. 9, 1874, unmarried, and living in Union county, Ohio; Hannah Elizabeth, who was born July 11, 1879, and is now her father's very capable housekeeper; Alice May, born April 2, 1881, who resides with her uncle, Israel Penrose, at Fairfield; and Joseph, born June 5, 1883, who died on April 23, 1901.

In his religious belief Lukins Penrose is a Quaker. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Penrose enjoys the esteem of the community, is an excellent farmer, an accommodating neighbor, a kind and indulgent father, and a man who represents in every way a high type of citizenship.

**GEORGE W. BAIR**, a resident of Earl township, was born in Leacock township, near Ellsworth, a son of Joel Bair and a grandson of Joel Bair.

Joel Bair, the grandfather, was a farmer in Leacock township, and was classed among the large land owners of the day. He married a Miss Wolf, by whom he had the following family: George, who died in Upper Leacock township; Joel, the father of George W.; Daniel, who died in Ohio; Henry, a resident of Chester county; Jacob, who died in Chester county; Hetty, who married P. Musselman, and removed to Adams county; Catherine, the widow of Henry Kurtz, of Coaled township; Christina, married to Jacob Hershey, both deceased; Caroline, who married Daniel Bair, both now deceased.

Joel Bair, the father of George W., was born and reared in Leacock township, where he began as a farmer, making that the occupation of his life. About 1862 he moved into Earl township, where he bought a farm of 126 acres, on which he erected good buildings, and there he lived until his death. This home is now owned by two of his sons. In the course of time he became one of the better known and substantial citizens of the county, and had more than a local reputation as a farmer and stock raiser. He and his wife, Leah Bushong, were members of the Reformed Church. She was a daughter of John Bushong, and was born in East Lampeter township. Her death occurred in 1881.





at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Bair died in 1890, at the age of eighty years. To them were born seven children: Eve Anna, the wife of Dilier Rauck, of Chester county; Israel, a resident of New Holland; John B., a resident of Leacock township; Amanda, the wife of Elam Kling, a resident of Earl township; George W.; Amos O., who died when two years old; Jason D., a merchant in Leacock township.

George W. Bair was born July 6, 1853, was reared on the farm and had his education in the public schools. When he was twenty-five he began farming on his own account in Upper Leacock township, in which occupation he was engaged for one year, when he returned to Earl township, and in 1884 located on the farm where he still resides. This farm contains sixty acres, and is cultivated so that it ranks among the very best in the county. He owns a second farm of thirty-two acres, adjoining his home place, and both are well improved. Mr. Bair is an enterprising and public-spirited man, and takes a deep interest in anything that looks to the public good. He has filled the office of supervisor and has been a member of the County Republican Committee. For the last six years he has dealt largely in phosphates.

Mr. Bair was married Nov. 10, 1878, to Miss Laura J. Bushong, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Zook) Bushong, who was born in Upper Leacock township in 1857. To this union have come four children: Elva Mary, who died at the age of ten months; Ira Garfield, born Oct. 8, 1881; Mabel Leah, who died when two and a half years old; Edna I., born Jan. 20, 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Bair are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is an elder. He is president of the Consistory, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school connected with the local church. Mrs. Bair is a teacher in the Sunday-school, the son is librarian, and the daughter is organist. Mr. Bair united with the church when he was seventeen years of age, and when he was twenty was made a deacon. Since 1894 he has been an elder of the church, which he has represented at the Classis.

WALTER S. BUNTING, a prominent and respected farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in the home where he is now living, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Morgan) Bunting, natives of Colerain and Pequea townships, respectively.

The mother was a daughter of William Morgan; the father was the son of Walter Bunting, who came from Ireland and established the present homestead in 1782. Here in 1791 he erected a stone barn which remained in a good state of preservation until Aug. 23, 1902, when it was burned. The stone house on the property was built in 1817, and it is one of the good and solid structures of the present time. Here Walter Bunting and his wife died, leaving four children: Elizabeth Bunting,

who married a Mr. Smith, and moved to Ohio; Margaret Bunting, who married a Mr. McCoy, and also moved into Ohio; William Bunting, who lived and died in Chester county; Robert Bunting, the father of Walter S., who settled with his wife on the Bunting homestead, where he lived and died. During his active years Walter Bunting added many solid improvements to the farm, and brought it into a high state of fertility. He died in 1880, and his widow two years later. They were among the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Colerain township, and were devoted members of that body. In politics he was a Democrat, and at various times was elected to local positions in Colerain township.

Robert Bunting and his wife had seven children. (1) Nancy Bunting married A. J. Miller, and lives in Philadelphia, where he holds a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with his office at Broad street station. They have six children: John; Margaret B., the wife of Joseph P. Rea, of Philadelphia; Mary; Louisa; Emma; and Francis. (2) William lives in Philadelphia. (3) Ella was educated at the Union High School, is unmarried, and makes her home in Philadelphia. (4) Robert died when a young man. (5) Walter S. (6) Mary Bunting died when a young woman. (7) Thomas Bunting died in childhood.

Walter S. Bunting was educated in the Union High School, and remained on the home farm until his marriage, in February, 1877, when Mary L., the daughter of James and Margaret (McIntyre) Lindsey, became his wife. James Lindsey was born in Lower Oxford township, Chester county. Margaret McIntyre was born near Oxford. After their marriage they settled on the John Lindsey homestead in Chester county. John Lindsey, the grandfather of Mrs. Bunting, came from the North of Ireland in 1782, to make his home in Chester county, where he lived and died on a farm, leaving five children, James, John, Jackson, Mary and Hannah. The homestead fell to James Lindsey, and there Mrs. Bunting was born. She was educated at the home schools, and the Oxford Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bunting settled on a farm adjoining their present location, where they lived seven years. In 1885 they moved to the old Bunting homestead, where he has lived to the present time. He is a man of standing in the community. On his present farm he has made many very substantial improvements, has put hot and cold water and steam heat into the building, and has greatly improved the place. He is the father of four children: (1) Robert J., secured his education in the Union High School, and taught school for two years in Colerain township. In 1899 he secured a lucrative position at the Broad Street depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia. (2) Mary E. attended the Union High School, from which she graduated, and the West Chester State Normal, where she was graduated in the class of 1901, and is now one of the teachers in the Colerain Union School. (3) Walter



S. and (4) Albert M. were twins; Albert died when two and a half years old; Walter S. is now a student at the Union High School.

Mrs. Walter S. Bunting belongs to the Presbyterian Church, with which her husband is also connected. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and for seven years was school director.

The Buntings are an old and prominent family in Colerain township. The old stock were all Presbyterians, and were widely known all over the county as prosperous and successful farmers, and worthily wears an honored name.

HENRY B. NISSLEY, now a retired farmer at Florin, Pa., is somewhat advanced in life, and has put behind him useful and industrious years as his contribution to the welfare of his native community.

Mr. Nissley was born March 28, 1846, the son of Christ E. and Fanny (Breneman) Nissley, both of whom were born in Rapho township. For fifteen years prior to his death the father was a retired farmer. A man of some prominence in the community, he filled the position of school director for eighteen years and was a shrewd and thrifty farmer, of good habits and high character. In 1891 he passed away at the age of seventy years, and his widow in 1894, at the age of sixty-four years. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried at Landisville. To them were born: Henry B.; Samuel, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Jonas, a farmer in West Hempfield; Anna, who married John Stehman, of Lancaster county; Catherine, who married Daniel Forney; Fanny, who married Amos Shelly, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; David, deceased; Ellen, living in Lancaster, Pa.; Emma, who married Witmer Rohrer, a foreman in the silk mill at Lancaster.

The parents of Christ E. Nissley were Samuel and Emma (Eby) Nissley, who were honest and industrious farming people near Petersburg, where they both died on their farm. The maternal grandfather of Henry B. Nissley was Henry Breneman, of Lancaster county.

Henry B. Nissley was twice married. Nov. 30, 1866, in Lancaster, Pa., he was married to Rebecca B. Brubaker, by whom he became the father of these children: Alice, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Isaac B., a farmer in Salunga, Pa.; Frances B. and Enos B. are at home; Minnie; Paris; Walter B., a farmer in this county; Ira B., deceased. Mrs. Rebecca B. Nissley was born in Rapho township, and died Oct. 11, 1888. She was buried in Graybill's cemetery in East Donegal township, and was a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Hershey) Brubaker, both of whom died on their homestead in Rapho township.

Mr. Nissley and Mrs. Kate (Hoffer) Risser were married May 18, 1860, in Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Nissley is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Herst) Hoffer, of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, re-

spectively. Her father died in 1881, at the age of sixty-four, and her mother in 1877, at the age of sixty years. They were both buried in the cemetery connected with the Green Tree meeting house in Mt. Joy township. They were members of the German Baptist Church, and were good, honest people, of industrious habits and fine character.

Jacob Hoffer came to Lancaster county in 1857, and remained there until his death. To him were born these children: Marv, Isaac, David and Elsie, all deceased; Kate, Mrs. Nissley; John, deceased; Tobias, a retired farmer in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Elizabeth, the widow of Peter Nissley, and living at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Nissley's first husband was Christ Risser, of Mt. Joy, by whom she became the mother of the following children: Ellen, who married Edward Ginrich, a retired farmer in Dauphin county; Minnie, the wife of Christ Ginrich, a drover of Lebanon county, Pa.; Ulysses, who married Minnie Harris, and is a physician in Campbelltown, Pa.; Dora, the wife of Frank Hershey, a machinist of Waynesboro, Pa.; Phoebe, Christ and Herbert, at home; Ada, deceased. Christ Risser, who was born in Lebanon county, Pa., died in 1888, at the age of forty years, on the farm where his life was spent; the son of Christ and Mary (Nissley) Risser; he was a man of considerable importance in the community where his well-ordered life was devoted to honest industry.

Henry B. Nissley remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he bought a farm of ten acres near Lancaster and engaged in truck farming for two years. The young farmer then sold his place and bought a large farm of 146 acres in East Donegal township, remaining there for a few years, and then for nine years in Mt. Joy township, after which he returned to his place and continued there until 1896. That year he came to Florin to make it his permanent home, and there he has remained until the present time. In Florin he is engaged in the raising of fruit, and rents his farm at a good figure.

In his political sentiments Mr. Nissley is a Republican. His wife is a member of the German Baptist Church. They are prominent and wealthy people, and well deserve a place in any record of the better class of Lancaster county.

JOSEPH BARNETT, a retired hotel man of Lancaster, is probably one of the best known citizens of Lancaster county, and he holds a high place in the regard of his fellow citizens wherever he is known. For many years he was an active business man of the city where he yet makes his home.

Mr. Barnett was born in Lancaster Oct. 18, 1847, son of Joseph Barnett, a native of Germany, who came to the United States during early manhood in order to escape military service. He was naturalized in Lancaster. He married Catherine Smith, who was born in the United States, and they became the







*Joseph Barnett*



parents of children as follows: Charles, Henry L., Caroline, Mary Ann, Joseph and Jacob, of whom Joseph is now the only survivor. None of this family married. The father was a member of St. Mary's Church, while the mother belonged to the Reformed Church. She passed away in 1834, and Mr. Barnett followed her to the grave in 1844, at the age of sixty-five years. Their remains rest in Lancaster cemetery. He was a blacksmith by trade, but for a number of years engaged in the hotel business, carrying on a hotel in the upper part of the city of Lancaster.

Joseph Barnett was reared in Lancaster and remained with his parents as long as they lived. He followed in his father's footsteps, learning the trade of blacksmith and machinist, for which he possesses considerable ability, and, rising gradually, became master mechanic for the Ohio & Mississippi railroad, at St. Louis, Mo., holding that position one year. In 1858 he returned to Lancaster, and made his home with his brother, Henry L., who was at that time conducting the old "Cadwell House" (now the "Imperial"), continuing in its management thirteen years. After his death, which occurred Oct. 18, 1878, Joseph Barnett took charge of the hotel, which he carried on until his retirement from business life, in 1891. As a hotel man he was highly successful, as, indeed, all the members of the family who have engaged in that line have been. His genial disposition bringing the house much popularity and good will. Though he now leads a quiet life, Mr. Barnett has in his day been a prominent, useful citizen, and as such won the esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He is now enjoying the ease to which a long life of activity entitles him. Mr. Barnett is a Democrat in political faith, and interested in the success of his party.

**ELIAS WOLF.** Among the thrifty and well-established citizens of Akron borough is Elias Wolf, who successfully conducts a business in coal and lumber, and through a long career has won for himself the respect and esteem of the whole community.

Elias Wolf was born Sept. 17, 1843, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kemper) Wolf, of Ephrata township. Samuel Wolf was a son of Jacob Wolf, a well-known farmer of Lancaster county, was born in 1810 and died on April 9, 1898; his wife, born in 1810, passed away in 1876. They reared these children: Sarah, who married Reuben Mohler; George, deceased; David, deceased; Susannah; Samuel; Elias; Elizabeth; Catherine, deceased.

Elias Wolf was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools of his district. Possessed of but limited means, he was both provident and industrious and in the course of time accumulated large means, at present being the owner of an excellent business and two fine farms near Akron.

The marriage of Elias Wolf to Miss Miranda Gernon, of the borough of Akron, occurred Feb. 20,

1897, and to this union have been born fifteen children: Emma Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1897, died June 1, 1872; Sylvester, born Jan. 20, 1899, died May 30, 1872; Ellen, born June 11, 1870; Harry, born Oct. 17, 1871, died June 12, 1872; Harvey, born April 28, 1873; Theodore, Aug. 22, 1874; Clara, Dec. 15, 1875; Ada, Aug. 9, 1877; Samuel, Jr., Sept. 25, 1878, and died May 17, 1879; Maggie, Jan. 17, 1880; Mary, Aug. 23, 1881, died March 6, 1882; Elias, Feb. 29, 1883; Bertha, March 13, 1884; Charles, July 20, died Jan. 19, 1887; and Sadie, Jan. 6, 1892.

In politics, Mr. Wolf is a staunch Republican and has held a number of the township offices, filling them most efficiently; in his religious belief, he is a consistent member of the Dunkard Church. In all Ephrata township there is no man more highly regarded as one who is honorable and upright in all business dealings, and in every walk of life he has displayed those attributes which make a good citizen, kind husband and careful father.

**HIRAM L. BATTEN**, the efficient superintendent for the sub-station for the Conestoga Traction Company, located at Mechanicsburg, Pa., was born in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 11, 1849; he was a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Garber) Batten, the former of Upper Leacock and the latter of West Earl township. The death of the mother occurred on the old homestead in 1860, at the age of fifty-three. The father still resides on the old farm, a woolen manufacturer who operated mills in West Earl and East Donegal townships, retiring from activity in 1870. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Anna E., who died in infancy; and Hiram L.

The paternal grandparents were Hiram and Susannah (Meixell) Batten, natives of Downingtown, Chester county, where he was brought up to the trade of stone mason, also teaching school during his younger days. In 1790 he came to Lancaster county and operated a hotel in Upper Leacock township, and in 1800 purchased the farm property on which Israel Batten resides. The maternal grandparents were John and Rachel (McArthur) Garber, natives of West Earl township and Chester county, respectively.

Hiram L. Batten remained with his parents in the home at Batten's Corner until his marriage. In his early years he attended the district schools and from eighteen to twenty he was a student at the Lebanon Valley College, and later at the Shippensburg State Normal School. When about twenty-one years old Mr. Batten began to teach school, and from his beginning in Upper Leacock township he continued in that profession for twenty-one years, being recognized as one of the leading instructors in the county. On Feb. 10, 1901, he assisted in establishing the sub-station at Mechanicsburg and was made its superintendent. For two and one-half





years he has been justice of the peace, while for the past fifteen he has been the valued agent for the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Batten was married Sept. 18, 1881, in Bird-in-Hand, to Miss Sallie Armstrong, and to this union two daughters have been born, Grace E. and Maud M. Mrs. Batten was born in Williamstown, Pa., a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Fenninger) Armstrong, the former of whom was a railroad engineer, who died at the age of forty-one at Columbia in 1874. The mother resides in Gordonville, Pennsylvania.

The family are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Batten has been a local preacher for five years and where they are most highly esteemed. In politics he has ever been in sympathy with the Republican party.

**JOSEPH H. GOCHNAUER.** One of the well-conducted farms of Lancaster county, Pa., located in East Hempfield township, midway between Petersburg and Landisville, is owned and successfully operated by Joseph H. Gochnauer, a well-known agriculturist.

Joseph H. Gochnauer, a son of John and Rebecca (Hersh) Gochnauer, was born April 6, 1844, on the farm upon which he lives, and was reared and educated in East Hempfield township, passing all his years there, with the exception of ten months spent in the West. In 1873 he took charge of the farm by himself and since that time has brought his sixty acres to a high state of production, confining himself to general farming. Many substantial improvements have been made on the place since he took charge of it and it is one of the most valuable and desirable in the neighborhood.

On Nov. 17, 1872, Joseph H. Gochnauer was married to Anna Hostetter, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Frank) Hostetter, who was born in Manheim township, in Lancaster county, and three children have been born of this union: Christian H., who is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1900; John H., a pupil in the State Normal School at Millersville; and Joseph H., who is a student at Elizabethtown College.

These worthy people are among the most highly esteemed residents of the township, and are connected with the Old Mennonite Church, in which Mr. Gochnauer is a trustee, and where they are known to be kind, charitable and Christian examples.

**JOHN M. GOCHNAUER.** The name of Gochnauer is an old and well-known one in Lancaster county, Pa., the great-grandfather of John M. Gochnauer, one of the pioneers of the township, having met his death while at work in the fields, when the Indians attacked him on the spot where the "Black Horse Tavern" now stands. There was one

son left to perpetuate the name, Joseph, who became the grandfather of John M. and was born and reared in East Hempfield township and spent a long and useful life there. He was a farmer and owned and operated a large estate, being one of the most extensive farmers of the county at that time, and a man who left an impression upon his generation, prominent in public affairs and one who was regarded favorably by the members of a community where his advice and judgment were relied upon. It was by his suggestion that the names of East and West were given to Hempfield township at the time the division was made.

The wife of this worthy man died in 1828, in her fifty-ninth year, but he survived to be eighty-two years old, and died in March, 1847, having had the following children: Jacob, the eldest, who went West to grow up with the country, first to Ohio and later to Indiana; John, the father of John M.; Michael, who made his home in Lancaster county until his decease; Joseph, who died in Lewistown; Henry, a farmer; Annie, the wife of George Weiler; Elizabeth, the wife of Peter Kreider; Magdalene, who married Martin Heisey; Fanny, who married Adan Brennenman; and Mary, married to George Shriner, of Elkhart, Indiana.

John Gochnauer was born in East Hempfield in August, 1793, and died Jan. 21, 1858; he was reared to manhood in East Hempfield township, engaged in farm occupations, became prominent in the Old Mennonite Church, and in the same township married, and in time passed to his fathers. The first marriage of John Gochnauer was to Anna Miller, who was born Dec. 3, 1803, and died June 22, 1834, two children surviving: Henry, who died in 1893, at the age of sixty-four years, a farmer in East Hempfield township, where he had reared a family; and John M., our subject. The father was married again, to Rebecca Hersh, who was born Aug. 2, 1807, and died Oct. 20, 1884, leaving the following family: Martha, a most estimable lady, who resided with John M. until her death, May 29, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years; Rebecca, who married Benjamin Keist, and died in 1892; Joseph, a farmer of East Hempfield township; and Annie, who resides with her brother John.

John M. Gochnauer was born on the old homestead, near East Petersburg, June 10, 1834, was a son of John and Anna (Miller) Gochnauer, and a grandson of Joseph and Annie (Kaufman) Gochnauer, and spent his boyhood in that locality. In 1873 he removed to his present farm, since which time he has lived retired from active work. Among the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, he takes a prominent part in all benevolent enterprises, and is much esteemed by the members of the church and by the whole community.

**JACOB L. LANDIS.** Among the prominent and representative farmers of East Lampeter township is Jacob L. Landis, a worthy grandson of



Abram Landis, who was born on the same farm on which Jacob L. now lives.

Abram Landis (2), the father of Jacob L. Landis, was also born on this old home place, in 1811, and followed farming all his days. A man who enjoyed the esteem of every one, Abram Landis became a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Esther Landis, the estimable daughter of Benjamin Landis, and they had five children born to them: Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Benjamin, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Jacob L.; Mary, deceased, the wife of Samuel H. Burkhardt; and Abram, a farmer of East Lampeter township.

Jacob L. Landis was born on the old homestead on Aug. 22, 1842, and remained with his father until he was thirty years of age. His education was obtained in the public schools, but being of bright intelligence, he soon was far in advance of others of his age. Mr. Landis has given some attention to the settling of estates, and has adjusted many matters with judgment and skill, showing that if he had directed his attention to a profession he would undoubtedly have become prominent in it.

At the death of his father, about 1871, Mr. Landis inherited the old home, and since that time has devoted much attention to the improvement of his property. Mr. Landis was married to Miss Annie D. Rohrer, and to this union have been born two children: Emma, who is the wife of Benjamin Witter and has two children, Hattie L. and Anna Mary; and Amos R., who farms the old homestead for his father. The latter has two grandchildren, Elvin W. and Esther Susan, the children of Amos R. and Ida (Weaver) Landis. The religious connection of the family is with the Old Mennonite Church.

ALVIN BROWN, one of the honorable citizens and successful farmers of Little Britain township, resides on his well-cultivated and highly improved farm of 154 acres, located near the Chester county line.

He was born in the pleasant home which he now owns, in 1845. His father was Jacob Brown, who was born in Lancaster county in 1809, and died in 1861, having had these children: Alvin; David C., of Cecil county, Md.; Elmira, a widow, of Kansas; Delilah, a teacher in the public schools of Wilmington, Del.; Hannah, a trained nurse in Philadelphia; Naomi, a professional seamstress of Wilmington, Del.; and Lewis J., a farmer in Kansas. The mother of this family was born in 1814, and died in 1876. Jacob Brown was an honest, upright man, prominent in the Society of Friends and during his life was one of the leading citizens of Little Britain township. His wife had been reared in the Presbyterian Church and always adhered to that faith.

Alvin Brown was reared on the farm he now owns, and received his education in the common schools of his township. His life has been an agri-

cultural one and it has been crowned with success, the result of intelligent effort in this line.

Alvin Brown was married on Dec. 28, 1867, to Anna M. Griffith, of Lancaster county, a member of one of the honorable old families of this locality. Her parents were William and Susan (Pugh) Griffith, of Chester county, Pa., and she was born Aug. 13, 1847, the other members of her parents' family being: Elizabeth, the wife of Atwood Montgomery, a farmer of Cecil county, Md.; Martha, the wife of James Ewing, of Cecil county; Lucretia, the wife of Joseph Probson, of Lancaster county; and Evan and Winnifred, deceased.

The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown were: William J., who lives on the home farm; Adda P., who married Joshua Wason, a farmer of Cecil county, Md., and has one son, Alvin; Hugh M., a farmer of Cecil county, Md., who married Mina Reynolds; Kirk, a blacksmith in Chester county; Mary S., who married Thomas Cooney, a merchant, and lives in Chestnut Level; and D. C., the youngest of the family, busy on the home farm.

Mr. Brown is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of this locality both in public and private life, and is also one of the most intelligent. Not content with the advantages afforded by the public schools, he passed through the Fairville High School and then took a collegiate course in the Clear Springs Academy, of Indiana. Noted in the community for his charity and kindness, Alvin Brown follows in his life the peaceful precepts taught by the Society of Friends, and enjoys in the highest sense, the esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Politically, he is a Republican and for six years has faithfully served his township as supervisor, attending to the duties of the position with the reliability which attends all his actions.

CHARLES H. TYSON, who holds an honored place among the farmers of Bart township, Lancaster county, where he is now pursuing a retired life, was born Aug. 25, 1842, in Cecil county, Md., his parents being Samuel and Ellen (Timmons) Tyson, both natives of Maryland. The father was born in Cecil county in 1804, and the mother was born in 1818.

Samuel Tyson was a son of William Tyson, who was born in Maryland, and took part in the Revolution. The family settled in Cecil county, but William Tyson died at the home of one of his children in Chester county, Pa. He had five children. (1) Amor died when a young man. (2) Maria, born in Maryland, married Tobias McKinsey, who settled and died in Newark, Del., where she also died, leaving a family: Elizabeth, deceased; Zebulon, of Newark, Del., deceased; Susan, the wife of George W. Moore, of Wilmington, Del.; William, who lives at Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md.; Harry, of Newark, Del.; Elma, unmarried and living in Wilmington, Del.; Tobias B. and Mary, both living in Wilmington, Del. (3) Jane married John White, and died





leaving no family. (4) Elizabeth, born in Maryland, married Eber Nicks of Chester county, and has her home in Coatesville, where he is engaged in the contracting and building business. Their children were: Orley, who married and settled in Coatesville, where he left a widow and four sons, Morris, Eber, Wesley and Chester; Anna, a widow in Chester county; Newton, died in young manhood; Emma, late wife of Joseph Pierce; Ida, deceased; Ella, who married Harry Woodward, of Chester county; Maggie, married to Joseph Woodward; John, deceased. (5) Samuel was the father of Charles H.

Samuel Tyson was reared in Cecil county, Md., married Ellen Timmons in 1839, and engaged as a miller, working in different parts of Cecil county, until the later years of his life. He located in Wilmington, Del. In 1873 he visited his son, Charles H. in Georgetown, and there he died. His widow survived until 1882, when she died at the home of a daughter in Wilmington, Del. Mr. Tyson was a strong anti-slavery man, and was a stanch Republican after the formation of that party. To him and his excellent wife were born the following children: (1) Amelia A. Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., in 1840, married Edward Thomas, of Delaware, where they both died. Her death occurred in February, 1878. (2) Charles H. (3) Martha J. Tyson, born in Cecil county, in 1844, married Daniel Hanna, of Cecil county, Md., where they lived many years, and where he died, leaving her with six children: Chester; Nettie; Martha, who is the wife of Edward Hitchens, of Cecil county, Md.; Lila; Sherman, and Reba. (4) Oliver E. Tyson, born in 1847, married Anna Scott, of Delaware, and has his home in Frankford, near Philadelphia, where they have had the following children: Bertha, who married George Walker, and lives in Philadelphia; Leroy, of Chester; William, of Frankford; Oliver and Edwin, deceased. (5) Samuel Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married Miss Sarah Money, of Delaware, and located in Wilmington, where both died, leaving two children: Harry and Mary, both of Philadelphia; the latter is the wife of Albert Kite. (6) Annie Tyson, born in Maryland, married Henry Wright of Cecil county, and after living for some years on a farm near Elkton, Md., moved to Wilmington, Del., where she died in 1893, leaving a large family: Susan, the wife of Joseph Bedwell, of Wilmington; Clarence, single; Cecelia, deceased; Ellis, unmarried; Mabel, the wife of John Kirkpatrick, of Cecil county, Md.; Clinton and Otis, unmarried. (7) George Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married Miss Sarah Moore, of Wilmington, where they live. They have had five children: Estella, Reba, Ethel and Covington are dead; Grace is at the family home in Delaware. (8) Amanda Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married James Tibbitt, of Delaware, and is now dead, leaving two children: Viola and Charles. Viola is married to Robert Morrison.

Charles H. Tyson, the oldest son of Samuel Ty-

son, was reared to manhood in Cecil county, Md., and when a young man learned the trade of a house painter and decorator, in which he was engaged until after his marriage in 1867. His wife was Miss Lydia B. Thompson, daughter of Jacob B. and Mary (Clayton) Thompson, born in Christiana, April 28, 1844.

Jacob B. Thompson was born at Steelville, Lancaster county, in 1790, and his wife, Mary Clayton, was born near Baltimore, in 1818. They settled in Strasburg, where for some years he carried on business as a merchant. He had a general store at different times, in Philadelphia, and in other parts of the State. His last location as a merchant was in Christiana, where he was in business at the time of his death in 1855. His widow moved to Bart in 1857, where she lived until her death in 1898. To this worthy and estimable couple were born the following children: John C., living unmarried in Bart township; Lydia B., Mrs. Tyson; James A., deceased; Harriet E., the wife of Milton Heidelberg, a prominent character of the city of Lancaster; Robert F., a commission merchant in Philadelphia; William D., a farmer; Jacob, who married Miss Clara Miller, and resides on a farm in Bart township.

Charles H. Tyson and wife settled in Wilmington, Del., where he engaged in the grocery trade. In 1868 he moved to Newark, where he engaged at the painting trade, and in 1869 removed to Bart township to spend the ensuing two years with his wife's mother. He was a clerk in the Nickel Mines Store, Lancaster county, for Milton Heidelberg some eight years. For a time he was a clerk in a Georgetown store, and then moved to the farm of Milton Heidelberg, where he spent some eight years. In 1899 he bought the farm on which he is now living, and where he has a very pleasant home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson have three children: Ella May, born in 1868, married to Harry Pickell and living in Cochranville, Chester county; W. Clayton, born in Lancaster county, in December, 1869, unmarried and at home; Mary E. A., born in July, 1878, is the wife of Charles D. Hocking, of Lancaster City, and the mother of three children, Charles Lee, Beatrice Tyson and John Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson are members of the Octoraro Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, and from time to time has filled various local offices, such as those of assessor, tax collector and supervisor. In 1880 he was appointed enumerator of the census for Bart township.

LEWIS S. HARTMAN, who passed away at his home on the morning of March 9, 1895, was one of the most dearly beloved and highly respected citizens in Lancaster.

Mr. Hartman was born in that city June 7, 1843, a son of Lewis S. Hartman, in his time an enterprising and public-spirited business man. In his boyhood Mr. Hartman attended the public schools and later Yeates Institute. Always a high-spirited and





*Lewis Hartman*





ambitious lad, he entered the business world with an enthusiasm that never forsook him. He clerked in a grocery store owned by his brother, John I. Hartman, and also in Shultz's hat store. The outbreak of the Civil war found him but a boy in years, but fired with a holy patriotism, he enlisted July 10, 1861, in Co. B, 13th P. V. I., and became a part of the Pennsylvania Reserves, whose record makes a most brilliant page in the history of the Civil war. Mr. Hartman enlisted for three years or during the war; and after the battle of Antietam, in September, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, although at that time he was the youngest man in the company. With his company and regiment he participated in many of the most notable and hotly contested conflicts of the war, among which may be mentioned Gaines' Mills, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and Cold Harbor. In all of these engagements Mr. Hartman displayed such conspicuous bravery as to win high commendation from his superior officers. Through them all, too, he seemed to bear a charmed existence, and while the bullets whistled all around him he miraculously escaped unscathed until the battle of Cold Harbor. His term of enlistment had expired, but the regiment decided to take part. In the thickest of the fight stood the young corporal, and as he turned to speak to a comrade a bullet pierced his body, and he sank to the ground. Comrades conveyed him two miles on a stretcher to the ambulance train, ready to start for Washington. The ball had struck him under the left arm, pierced the lung, and passed out at the right shoulder, making a hole entirely through his body, and of so dangerous a nature that the army surgeon gave him up. His recovery is still regarded as a remarkable one, and he lay for many weeks in the hospital before being able to be moved home, and then a year passed before he was considered well.

When once again able to enter the world of commerce, Mr. Hartman engaged in the grocery business on North Queen street, and later bought out the cigar store of Andrew McGinnis, known as the "Yellow Front." He engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and also quite extensively in the leaf tobacco business, continuing same up to within a few years of his death, when he sold out to John B. Markley. However, he retained the rear office, which he used as his political office and headquarters. He was one of the founders and heaviest stockholders of the Fulton National Bank, of which he was a director at the time of his death; and he was also one of the founders of the Lancaster Trust Company.

Always a Republican in politics, Mr. Hartman early became one of the leaders in the party organization. As early as 1870 he entered the lists as a candidate for recorder of deeds, but was defeated in so far as the office was concerned. The campaign he made, however, brought him prominently to the front, and was the foundation upon which was built his later successes. In 1875, and again in 1890, he

was elected prothonotary. It was as a leader or as an organizer rather than as an office holder that Mr. Hartman was best known. The excitement of a political struggle was his ruling passion—the more desperate the chances the more keenly he became interested, and the harder he worked. Unlike many politicians, he was intensely loyal to his chosen candidates, and once his word was given, he remained in the fray until the polls were closed. Of generous impulses, of much personal magnetism, and possessed of unbounded ardor, he drew men to him, and even his political foes loved him for his warm-hearted kindnesses. Thoroughly familiar with the political features of every section of the county, he was looked upon as a man who could lead an apparently "lost cause" to victory. He was an ardent admirer of James G. Blaine, and in 1880 visited the Chicago convention to use his influence for his favorite; in 1884 he was a delegate to the convention that nominated the "Plumed Knight," and great was his sorrow when his defeat came in November.

Socially Mr. Hartman was a great favorite, and his hospitable nature enjoyed the comforts of home. He was one of the organizers of the Bay Club, which made several cruises on Chesapeake Bay, and has been sorely missed by the members. From the time of its organization he had been its treasurer, and at the time of his death was engaged in making arrangements for its annual celebration. Out of respect to his memory the club postponed indefinitely the intended celebration. The community mourned his death as the loss of a good man, a kind friend, and an upright citizen, whose place could not soon be filled.

In 1867, in Lancaster, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage, by Rev. Mr. Greenwald, of Trinity Church, with Miss Mary A. Deichler. This union was blessed with the following children: Walter S., who died at the age of two years; Milton H., a civil engineer, who married Anna Miley; Howard S., who is engaged in the tobacco business; Alice R., who married Rev. Elmore L. Wessinger, a Lutheran minister at Shiremanstown, Pa.; Clara E. and Elizabeth O., both at home; and Lewis S., who died at the age of eight years. Mrs. Hartman and family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hartman did much to help build up the city and the home he erected on North Duke street, where his family reside, is one of the finest houses in the city.

Maximilian Deichler, father of Mrs. Hartman, came with his parents to America when five years of age. They settled in Baltimore, Md., and there the boy grew to manhood, learned the trade of shoemaker, and married his good wife, Catherine Messener. The young couple removed to Lancaster, where Mr. Deichler found employment in a shoe store, and later engaged in the shoe business for himself at the present site of Woolworth's building, where he remained until his death in 1893, when he was aged seventy-seven. His wife died in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven. Their remains rest in Wood-



ward Hill cemetery. Both were members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Deichler were the parents of ten children.

**JESSE SCOTT.** A prominent and successful farmer, as well as a most estimable citizen of Lancaster county, is Jesse Scott, who was born in Bart township, in this same county, June 7, 1843, a son of John and Alice (Davis) Scott. The parents were also natives of this county, and were born in Colerain township, the father in April and his wife in Sept., 1800. The mother was a daughter of Abner and Barbara Davis, a pioneer family.

John and Alice (Davis) Scott were married Jan. 21, 1830, and nine children were born to them. Abner and Margaret died in childhood. Francis, now the eldest of the family, was born in 1835, remained at home after the death of his father and assisted in the care of the family; he married Miss Rachel Rockafeld, of this county, and they now with their children reside on his farm in Colerain. Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1837, married Martha Gilland, of Bart township; they lived for a time in Georgetown, where he worked at his trade of wheelwright, and later settled in Bart township on a farm, where he died in 1896, leaving a wife and three children. Howard, Leah, and Meta, who still reside on the homestead. Sarah E., born in September, 1830, is the wife of Elam Pickle and they reside in Chester county, Pa., their ten children bearing these names: William, Harry, Alice, Frank, Davis, Annie, Amos, Aaron, Dora and Blanch. Harvey, born in June, 1841, married Miss Sidney Thomas, of this county, and settled on a farm in Sadsbury township, where he remained until his death, in 1889, leaving a wife and two sons, Cauley and Walter. Jesse was the seventh child. George, born in 1846, grew up in the old home and married Miss Hannah Thompson, of Bart township, and they now reside in Georgetown, where he is engaged in business. They have two children: John and May, the wife of David Myers, of Chester county, Pa. Barbara A., born Oct. 13, 1850, is the wife of Albert Heidelbaugh, of Bart township and their seven children are thus named: Jessie, Alice, Emma, Clyde, Forest, Earle and Lenore.

For a few years John Scott and his wife resided in Bart township, but in 1850 Mr. Scott purchased the present home farm, with the expectation of passing upon it a long and useful life. However, but two years had elapsed when he passed out of life, leaving his bereaved widow with a family of small children to rear. Mr. Scott had been industrious and had cleared a part of his land, but the most of it was heavily wooded, and a very serious future faced the widow and her family. After due consideration, she determined to retain the farm for her children, considering that soon her sons would be able to manage affairs. In this she was not disappointed, as they proved to be affectionate, dutiful and industrious children.

Jesse Scott grew to manhood on the old place and assisted his brothers in its management and cultivation, and when they married and moved to homes of their own, he remained in charge of the farm, taking care of his mother in her declining years. She passed away in 1887, at the age of eighty-two. Through life she has been a thorough Christian woman, and with her husband had been a worthy and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Middle Octoraro, in this county, which they had helped to found.

In politics Mr. Scott is a staunch Republican, although his father always voted with the Democratic party. For a number of years he has served as school director and has been interested in all matters of general interest in the county, during his long residence there. The old homestead is his own property, and at the present time he is remodeling and renovating it, making it one of the most comfortable and attractive homes of the county. Mr. Scott has never married.

Jesse Scott is well known and most highly respected. His success as a farmer has been noted in the county, while his admirable traits as a man have won him the esteem of all who have come into contact with him.

**ISAAC S. FUNK** was born Feb. 21, 1845, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county.

Martin Funk, father of Isaac S., was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Nov. 10, 1808. His father died when he was eight years old and he was bound out at that age to Abram Miller, of Manor township, where he lived for eight years. He then went to live with his stepfather, John Breneman, of Manor township, where he made his home for nearly seven years. He then married Miss Elizabeth Shertzer, of Manor township, Nov. 12, 1835, and commenced farming for Abram Stoner, of East Hempfield township. He continued at that until 1845, when he removed to Manor township and engaged in general work for three years. He then bought the farm where his son Isaac now resides and remained there until his death, March 31, 1876, up to that time following farming exclusively. During the seven years that he lived with his stepfather he walked twice to Dayton, Ohio. The first time he walked all the way home, but on his second journey home he bought a horse and rode him back, afterwards trading him for a gold watch. He was a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. He always voted the Democratic ticket but never sought an office. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Funk were the parents of the following children: Elias and Abram, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Levi Good, of Conestoga; Mary S., who died in childhood; Isaac S.; Barbara, deceased; and Charlotta, the wife of John Henry, of Conestoga.

Isaac S. Funk remained at home with his father until the death of the latter in 1876. Three years afterwards he purchased the farm and has since





given his entire time and attention to its management. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church and is one of its trustees. Like his father he is a member of the Democratic party but the only office he has ever held was that of assistant assessor of his township for one term. He married Annie, daughter of John Warfel, of Conestoga township. They have but one son, Martin, who lives with his parents.

Mr. Funk owns a farm of ninety-three acres which has a magnificent view of the Susquehanna river and is one of the finest places in the county. This gentleman is in prosperous circumstances and is fully abreast of the times in all his ideas. He is greatly respected and is a good substantial citizen.

**THEODORE M. STORB**, one of the leading business men of New Holland, Pa., conducts in this borough a large and prosperous business in marble and granite cutting, established by his father, and now conducted in association with his two sons, under the firm name of T. M. Storb & Sons.

Theodore M. Storb comes of excellent parentage, his father, Theodore Storb, having been for many years a highly appreciated teacher of languages in the schools of Pennsylvania, and later the founder of the business which is so ably carried on by his descendants. Theodore Storb, Sr., was born in Prussia, in 1794, a son of Hermann Storb, a blacksmith near Dusseldorf. He came to America at the age of twenty-three, landing in Philadelphia, and locating first in Lehigh county, Pa., where he married a Miss Grobb, the children born of this union being Albert, of Pottstown, Pa.; Caroline, deceased; and Augustus and Sarah, who died in childhood, Mrs. Storb also passing away. In 1831 he married Elizabeth Minker, of Berks county, this marriage resulting in the birth of: Hannah and Henry, who died in childhood; Theodore M., born Aug. 16, 1835; Elizabeth, of New Holland; Mathias, deceased; and Amelia, who married David S. Schlauch, of New Holland. The father died in 1872 and the mother in 1884.

The education of Theodore M. Storb, was received in the excellent schools of Montgomery county, Pa. He came with his father when the latter located in New Holland in 1854, and upon his father's death in 1872 he succeeded to the business, since that time greatly extending it and taking into partnership his two very capable sons, Lewis M. and Harry K. Mr. Storb is a practical man, thoroughly understanding all of the details of his line of trade; he has prospered and is now justly regarded as one of the substantial men of the locality, his name carrying with it financial responsibility and business confidence.

In Oct., 1860, Theodore M. Storb was married to Miss Mary S. Mentzer, of Earl township, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Mentzer, of Lancaster county, and to this union have been born: Ella, who married Dr. John B. Kohler, of

New Holland, and has two children—Mary and Clara; Lewis M. and Harry K., both connected with their father in the marble business. Harry K. Storb married Mary Besore, of New Holland, and has two children, Henry and Theodore.

Mr. Storb is a prominent Republican of Earl township and occupies a number of important positions in the county, being a director in the Downingtown and Lancaster Railroad Company; manager of the New Holland Turnpike Road Company; a director in the New Holland Water Co., and also connected with various other enterprises of minor importance. He is a member and trustee of Earl Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Holland. Mr. Storb is thoroughly representative, and the type of man who has given Lancaster county its prominence in the eyes of the business world.

**WILLIAM C. GEIGER**, a well-known business man of Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 29, 1849, near Baltimore, Md., son of Christopher and Annie (Beates) Geiger.

Mr. Geiger is descended from one of three brothers who came to America from Germany and settled at Gibraltar, Berks county. Of these, Anthony bought a tract of land from the Penns. That he reached Berks county at least as early as 1735 is shown by a land warrant issued to him in that year. Christopher Geiger, son of Anthony, was born in 1720, married Mary Robeson, and died in 1805. Elisha Geiger, son of Christopher, was born in 1776. He married Mary Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, Jr., and died in 1821, leaving two sons, Christopher and Elisha, and several daughters. Elisha settled in Lancaster county, where he died some years ago. Susan died unmarried. Kitty married a Mr. Robinson, who died in Lancaster county, leaving his widow and one son, Charles, now a retired business man of New Jersey, and one daughter, Annie, who married a Mr. Poik, and moved to Philadelphia.

At the death of his father Christopher Geiger, then a lad of eighteen years, being the eldest, became the chief support of the family. He contracted for work on the Reading canal when it was building, and after that was manager in a foundry at Pottsville, Pa., of which he later became owner, conducting the business for some time and finally selling it. He then built a hotel in Pottsville, which he ran for a number of years. About 1837 he married a Miss Park, of York county, Pa., who died shortly afterward, leaving one daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Heitshu, of Lancaster, and two sons, Samuel and Philip, both deceased. In 1848 Christopher Geiger again married, his second wife being Miss Annie Beates. They located at the Ashland Furnace, sixteen miles from Baltimore, where Mr. Geiger carried on an extensive iron business for a number of years, and which he had, in partnership with Philip and Samuel Small, of York county, Pa., and Edward and Joseph Patterson, of Baltimore



(the brothers of Jerome Bonaparte's wife), built in 1846. In 1840 Mr. Geiger and the Small brothers had built Manor Furnaces in York county. He finally sold out, and moving to Lancaster city engaged again in the foundry business at that place, until 1860, when he sold out and removed to Blair furnace. There he purchased a furnace which soon afterward was entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a serious financial loss to Mrs. Geiger. He then removed to Hollidaysburg, Blair county, where he engaged in furnace work for a year, and then moved back to Lancaster, and began operating in mines near Knoxville, Md. This was after the conclusion of the Civil war, and about 1868. In 1870 he removed to Quarryville, and followed mining and ore shipping for several years. In 1884 he built the Sarah Furnace, in Harford county, Md., which he operated. He again moved to Lancaster, where he lived retired until the time of his death, in 1889, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in Lancaster in 1880, leaving a family of five children: William C., who is the eldest; Annie, born in 1851, who lives in Lancaster county, and is unmarried; Charles, born in Lancaster county in 1854, and now living at Quarryville, a United States Deputy Revenue Collector; Edward, born in Lancaster county in 1857, unmarried and a resident of Reading; and Laura, born in Lancaster county in 1860, the wife of P. T. Watt, a general merchant of Lancaster, who has four children, James, Charles, Donald and Laura.

William C. Geiger was reared in Lancaster county, and obtained his education in the public schools. When a young man he acted as superintendent of mines for his father near Quarryville and other places. In 1877 he married Mrs. Rebecca J. Lovett, of an old Lancaster county family, daughter of Martin and Rebecca Hess. Mrs. Geiger was born in Drumore township, July 17, 1856, and after growing to young womanhood married William Lovett, a business man of Quarryville borough, who died shortly after their marriage, and left no children. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger were located near Quarryville, where he engaged in mining and shipping ore in partnership with the late C. M. Hess. After the death of his partner, Mr. Geiger continued the business until 1880, when he engaged in general storekeeping in Quarryville borough for three years. In 1876 he was in partnership, in a general merchandising business, with Charles Geiger, where the Hawes Dickinson establishment now is. He sold out his store in 1891, and again carried on mining and shipping ore. In 1888 he purchased his present home, a fine brick residence on Church street, where, in 1895, Mrs. Geiger opened a millinery business, which she still carries on. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Geiger, as follows: William F., born in 1877, was educated in the graded schools of the place; he is unmarried, and is engaged in the plumbing business. C. Martin, born in 1879, is unmarried, and is

engaged in business in Lancaster city. Walter J., born in 1883, travels for his brothers, who manufacture neckwear in Lancaster city. Harry E., born in 1883, is at present of the firm of Geiger Bros., manufacturers of neckwear, Lancaster city. Charles A., born in March, 1887, is at present a student in the borough schools. Anna R. was born in July, 1889, and Joseph Hess was born in 1891.

In politics Mr. Geiger is a Republican, and he has held the office of street commissioner of the borough. Mrs. Geiger is an active member of the Reformed Church. Her parents, Martin and Rebecca Hess, located on a farm in Drumore township in 1849. Mr. Hess also kept a hotel in connection with his other enterprises. Later he purchased a large farm near Quarryville and built a fine brick residence upon it, in which he resided for about thirty-five years. He then purchased a property in Quarryville, in which his son-in-law, Mr. Fritz, now resides. Mr. Hess died while a resident of the village, in 1887, and his wife died at the family place in 1901. This worthy couple had one son and four daughters: Abby A., wife of Jacob Fritz; Joseph, unmarried; Susan, wife of Ezra Fritz; Rebecca J., Mrs. Geiger; and Emma, wife of I. G. Leffer, of Quarryville.

Mr. Geiger is well and favorably known in business circles over the entire county, and is a man of fine character and social qualities. Ever ready to help, his advice is frequently sought by young men entering life's struggle. Mrs. Geiger is a lady of fine mental and business abilities, and of kindly disposition.

**WITMER.** The Witmer family is one of the oldest and longest-known in Lancaster county. It is of Swiss origin, the first American progenitors, John Witmer and Benjamin Witmer, having been born in Switzerland; John about the year 1688. They were first cousins, and emigrated to America together, in 1716, John bringing his family, consisting of his wife, Catharine, and two small children, Elizabeth and Michael, the latter then about two years of age. They came directly within the border of the present Lancaster county. Benjamin located a short distance to the eastward of the present city of Lancaster, where he died in 1753, leaving a number of children and grandchildren. He was the grandfather of Abraham Witmer, the original builder and proprietor of the present stone turn-pike bridge over the Conestoga, east of Lancaster, and who died in 1818.

John Witmer continued beyond and settled on a tract of vacant land on a branch of the Little Conestoga Creek, three and a half miles west of the present city, lying on the south side of and adjoining what is now known as the Lancaster and Columbia turnpike, containing 200 acres and allowance of six per cent. for roads and highways, bounded on the north by the lands of Christian Pellmar; and Henry Parr (now A. B. Keady, Henry Witmer and





the turnpike aforesaid); on the east by the land of Andreas Coffman (now Susan C. Kready); on the south by vacant land (now John F. Charles); and on the west by vacant land and the land of Christian Pellman (now John F. Charles and A. B. Kready, respectively). With the exception of a strip of meadow along said stream, the tract was thickly covered with timber. He built a small log cabin close to a large spring, near the central part of the tract, and worked hard to fell timber, make improvements and a scanty living until 1728, when he died, leaving the widow and three children to support themselves as best they could, for he had not yet obtained a title to the property, nor paid anything on it. In 1724 the names of John Witmer, Benjamin Witmer and Benjamin Witmer, Jr., were the only Witmer names then on the assessment list of all the territory now embraced within the bounds of Lancaster county, then known as Conestogoe, and as a part of Chester county, then extending westward and northwestward an indefinite distance beyond the Susquehanna river. The future town site of Lancaster was at that time still covered with timber, with the exception of a swamp in the southern part, and another in the northeastern part, and a portion thereof was still vacant land. About this time one George Gibson erected a tavern near a large hickory tree, a short distance east of the present Centre Square, alongside of the great highway leading from Philadelphia to Wright's Ferry (now Columbia), and which became known as the "Hickory Tavern" at Gibson's pasture. On Feb. 26, 1729, the first survey of a portion of the boundary of the present town site was made, but was not completed until sometime during 1730, at which time the locality was still known by the same name, although it had then attained to a small hamlet of about two hundred souls.

The inventory of the estate of John Witmer, appraised Dec. 17, 1728, is on file in the register's office, at West Chester, and contains only the following five items: The improvements of 200 acres of land, £34, 10s.; a parcel of horses, mares and colts, £51; a cow, calves and sheep, £17, 15s.; all the household goods and gears, etc., for the plantation, £19, 7s.; a parcel of books, 5s.; total amount, £122, 17s.

The administrator, Christian Vitty, after settling up the estate, married the widow, but died within a few years; and, as the records show, the widow then made application, and on June 4, 1735, obtained a warrant of survey in her own name as the widow of Christian Vitty, deceased. The land was surveyed, the survey returned, approved and confirmed; and during the latter part of the same year John Penn, Richard Penn and Thomas Penn, as absolute proprietors and governors in chief of the province of Pennsylvania, and the counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex, in Delaware, executed to her a Patent Deed for the said tract, graciously specifying and granting to her therein, among other things, the privilege to hunt, hawk, fish and fowl, on said premises, at all times. The consideration money therein mentioned

is £20 to them in hand paid, and the premises subject to a yearly quit rent of one silver English shilling for every hundred acres, to be paid annually thereafter, on the first day of March, at the town of Lancaster. Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines, free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same, is also fully excepted and reserved therein. The said deed is dated Nov. 18, 1735, in the ninth year of the reign of King George II. over Great Britain, etc.

Of the three children, Elizabeth married Christian Swartz, and Barbara became the wife of George Kendrick. The son, Michael, married Anna Long, and on Oct. 21, 1751, a tripartite deed from his mother and his sisters and their husbands was executed to him for the said tract of land, the consideration money for the same mentioned therein being now increased to £250, the land subject to the same reservations as before. The widow died in 1760. Of the daughters and their descendants we give no further record.

Michael Witmer, the son, was an unexceptionable, far-seeing, hard-working man, endowed with superior business abilities, and prospered far above and beyond the average farmer of his time and locality. The issue of his marriage was five children: John, born in 1750, married Elizabeth —, and died June 3, 1817, leaving a widow and nine children; Abraham, born in 1756, married Maria Swartz, and died Feb. 21, 1826, leaving a widow (they never had any children); Anna, born Aug. 5, 1760, married Jacob Eberly, and died as his widow Feb. 18, 1831, leaving six children (her husband had died Dec. 2, 1810); Mary, born in 1763, married Jacob Knopp, and died in 1789, leaving her husband and an only child, also named Jacob; and Herman, born July 22, 1753, was twice married, and died Jan. 5, 1829. His first wife was Widow Barbara Groff, who was born Oct. 6, 1749, and died July 27, 1797. His second wife was Barbara Schucker, born Oct. 15, 1779, who died Jan. 1, 1862.

In and by the last will and testament of Michael Witmer, bearing date Aug. 27, 1789, executed only a few days before his demise, he bequeathed to his son, John Witmer, a tract of land bordering on the south side of the Mahantango Creek, and on the west side of the Susquehanna river, in the northeast corner of what is now Juniata county, containing 232 acres, and allowance of six per cent. Also, another tract adjoining it, but lying on the opposite side of the creek, in what is now Snyder county, containing 150 acres, more or less. To his son, Abraham Witmer, he gave a tract of 150 acres and allowance, located at and embracing the well-known "McKee's One-Half Falls Hotel" and store property, fronting along the west shore of the Susquehanna river, thirty-six miles above Harrisburg, and also in Snyder county since the division of Union, in 1855. To his son, Herman Witmer, he gave the original home tract of 200 acres and allowance, and valued it to him at



\$1,600. The daughters, the will says, he had previously provided for, to some extent, and he gives to Anna the balance of her equal share in cash. To his grandchild, Jacob Knopp, Jr., he gives \$150, to be put on interest for him until he arrives of age, and then to be paid to him, with the interest. His wife, Anna, he also provided for liberally and far beyond her needs, and an itemized list of the various and numerous now obsolete articles given to her would appear ridiculously strange if inserted into a will at the present time. He died during the first week in September, 1789, and his widow in the beginning of March, 1792. The three sons occupied, lived and died on the respective tracts of land devised to them.

Herman Witmer, in his youth, learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he carried on, along with his agricultural pursuits, for a long time. He was an amateur blacksmith, cooper and carpenter, and did his own blacksmithing, horseshoeing and repairing in the line of cooper and carpenter work required on the farm. He also carried on a distillery on the farm, as most of the farmers did at that time. He was ingenious and inventive, a leader in experimenting with and introducing new implements, machinery and features on the farm and in the household. He took great delight in pomology, was an expert in grafting, and introducing new varieties of fruit, and at the time of his death there was probably not another farm in Manor township containing such an abundance and variety of fruit, and all grafted by his own hands; and, as a novelty, he frequently grafted many varieties of apples and pears promiscuously on the same tree. He was an industrious and persevering reader, and a well-informed man, and at the time of his death had accumulated quite an extensive library of books, mostly in the German language, and on one of the fly-leaves at the end of many of the volumes he left a memorandum in his own handwriting, stating that he had read the book through, and expressing his opinion of the contents.

By his first wife Herman Witmer had one son, Dr. John Witmer, born May 10, 1785, who married Anna Baer, and died Dec. 14, 1847, leaving a widow and nine children. His widow was born Nov. 24, 1789, and died May 31, 1854. By his second wife Herman Witmer had two children, Jacob S. and Elizabeth. The latter was born Dec. 25, 1813, became the wife of Daniel Graybill, a farmer of East Hempfield township, and died Dec. 21, 1885, leaving a husband and five children—Magdalena (wife of Daniel Kreider), Herman W., Amos, Benjamin and David W. The husband and father died Oct. 29, 1890.

Herman Witmer divided his land, the 200-acre tract, during his lifetime, between his two sons, giving to John a little the larger portion. Although having suffered a heavy loss through a loan and endorsement for an unworthy friend, he was still sufficiently prosperous to leave, at the time of his death,

cash and securities sufficient to give to the daughter, Elizabeth, an equal share in money.

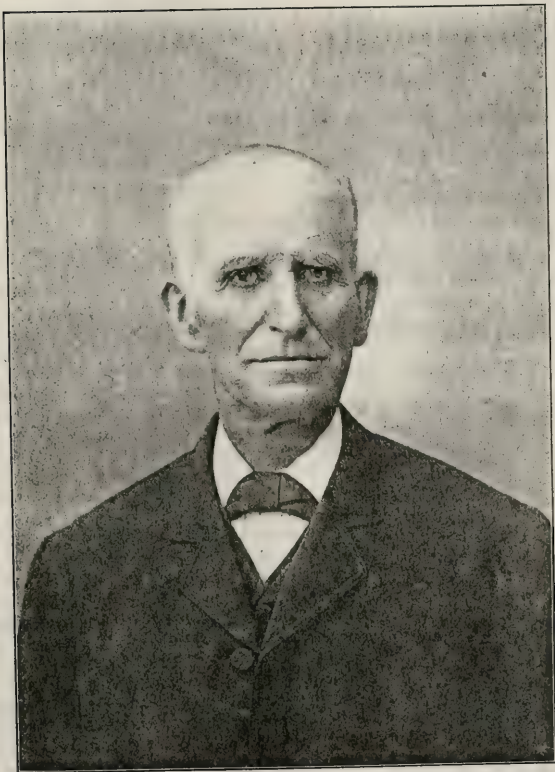
Jacob S. Witmer, son of Herman, was born Jan. 11, 1804. He married Mary, oldest daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Rohrer, of Manor township, on May 30, 1826. She was born Aug. 15, 1802 and died Aug. 23, 1877. To them were born ten children—five sons and five daughters. He carried on farming nearly all his lifetime. In 1837 he sold his portion of the original farm to his half-brother, Dr. John Witmer, and purchased another farm, in the western part of the township, which he occupied until 1895, when he sold it also and retired to private life in the village of Millersville until after the death of his wife, when he made his home with his son, A. R. Witmer, during the remainder of his life. He was a man of strict integrity, of a kindly disposition, a reliable and helpful friend to the poor, ever willing and ready to do a favor, even when against his own interest, and thereby was often imposed on, and suffered numerous financial losses in consequence. He possessed good business abilities, and was very accurate and methodical in all business matters, and settled up more decedents' estates, as executor and administrator, than any other person in his section of Manor township. He was assessor and a school director of Manor township for many years. He also held the offices of prison inspector and county and township auditor, but was never a professional politician.

It may not be out of place to remark that all the members of this Witmer family, from the Swiss progenitor down to the present time, always voted the Republican ticket, or what had previously been its equivalent. Jacob S. Witmer was a good penman, a very rapid writer, and very industrious reader, but never a devoted student. He died March 12, 1890.

Of the ten children, Elizabeth, born Aug. 17, 1828, was married March 16, 1849, to Joseph S. Berger, a son of Philip Berger, of Manor township. In 1865 they moved to Canton, Ohio, where they and their children still reside. Henry R. Witmer, born April 6, 1830, married, Nov. 25, 1852, Fanny Kindig, a daughter of John Kindig, of Manor township, and in 1866 moved to Canton, Ohio, and a few years later from thence to Jasper county, Iowa, where he died March 30, 1899. His widow and children still reside there. Anna was born Nov. 14, 1831, and on Dec. 27, 1863, was married to Emanuel S. Frey, of Manor township. In 1865 they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, where he died Oct. 14, 1901. His widow and two sons still survive. Jacob R. Witmer was born Dec. 29, 1833, and, after returning from the war for the Union, became a resident of Jasper county, Iowa, and there, on July 4, 1869, married Elizabeth Kindig, a daughter of John Kindig, of the same place. She died Feb. 6, 1900. Himself and children still reside there. Benjamin K. Witmer was born March 10, 1835, and on Dec. 23, 1856, married Catharine Kauffman, a







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daughter of Isaac Kauffman, of Manor township. He located in Millersville, and died there Feb. 27, 1901. The widow and several of the children still reside there. Mary was born July 28, 1836, was married to Michael R. Shank Oct. 28, 1856, and became the mother of fourteen children. They and some of the children reside in the city of Lancaster. Barbara was born Feb. 3, 1839, was married Dec. 21, 1871, to Dr. John A. Knox, of Jasper county, Iowa, and died there May 19, 1873, survived by her husband, but no children. Lydia was born June 7, 1841, was never married, and has her home with her brother, A. R. Witmer. Daniel L. Witmer, the youngest of the family, was born Sept. 27, 1845, and Dec. 21, 1869, married Esther Witmer, youngest daughter of Jacob Witmer, Sr., of Manor township. He died Jan. 21, 1882. His widow and several of the children reside in Millersville. Jacob, Benjamin and Daniel, of this large family, enlisted in the Union army and served during the war of the Rebellion.

Abraham R. Witmer, the eldest of this family of children, was born April 12, 1827, and raised on a farm, where he was tied down to hard work until he was eighteen, and up to that time had but once enjoyed the pleasure of getting beyond fifteen miles from home. His early educational advantages were those of the public schools, such as they were in the rural districts from sixty to seventy years ago, and he was never favored with admittance to any other. But he was remarkably studious at home, taking more pleasure in reading and study than in play, and thus improved many an hour snatched from the ceaseless drudgery of the farm. Several years before quitting school he had outstripped every other pupil in it, regardless of age or size. In 1846 the school board of Manor township tendered him a school, which he accepted, and taught seven winter terms within the township, to the satisfaction of the board and patrons. During his last term he made arrangements with a chance acquaintance of a few years before to take up the study and practice of surveying with him, at Williams-ville, Erie Co., N. Y.; and, at the close of his school, went thither, remained a year and a half, and then returned to his old neighborhood, near Safe Harbor, in Manor township, where he purchased sixteen acres of land, cut off from a farm, whereon he built a comfortable home which he still occupies, and commenced housekeeping, having been married just previously to making the New York State arrangement, and taken his wife along to board with him in the family of his employer and instructor. He soon became very successful in his new line of business, embracing surveying, scrivening and clerking of public sales of real and personal property, along with farming on a small scale.

A few years later he was elected assessor of Manor township, and served four years. In 1862 he was elected a justice of the peace of Manor township, and has been re-elected every term since, and

still holds the office, with, probably, less costs to the county than any other justice in it—his official fees in all the cases returned to court during forty years not yet amounting to one hundred dollars. In 1863 he was elected county surveyor, and held the office nine years. He also served as deputy coroner over Manor, Conestoga and Martic townships for nine years.

While teaching his winter term of 1851-52 Mr. Witmer took up the science of phonography, or short-hand writing, studying from text-books on the subject, without a single lesson from a teacher. There was then but one system, Benjamin Pitman's, and it was not taught outside of the larger cities, and was then something new and unheard of in the rural districts. As he was then boarding at a country tavern, where the young men of the neighborhood congregated nearly every evening to enjoy themselves playing cards and dominoes and teasing him for wasting his time in studying nonsense, as they termed it, instead of joining in with them, his bar-room studies received many interruptions, but, heedless of their sneers and gibes, in due course of time he mastered the system to his satisfaction. In 1853 he commenced keeping a diary of the daily events of the neighborhood, of his business, incomes and expenses, state of the weather, and many other things, and which he has kept up without missing a day up to the present time; and all written in short-hand, and with special care to write plainly rather than speedily. All his diaries, from first to last, now fifty in number, are models of neatness and accuracy, and carefully preserved.

Being fond of travel, after several shorter excursions, Mr. Witmer made his first tour to the Western country in the spring of 1849, leaving Lancaster with two trunks full of a miscellaneous assortment of books, to sell along the way to pay expenses. He traveled mostly by canal, along up the Susquehanna and west branch, and in course of time reached Pittsburgh, where he replenished his stock, and started down the Ohio by steamboat, with less than a dollar in his pocket. On leaving Cincinnati he took passage aboard a White Water Canal Packet to Cambridge City, Indiana. By the time he arrived there he had learned that in order to sell books with success he was obliged to either strain the truth or not tell it all, and thereby became disgusted with the business, boxed up the few remaining volumes on hand, and shipped them back home by freight. Making inquiry, he soon found a three weeks' job of honest work at sawing and splitting cooper stuff in the woods, and then a month's work at having, harvesting and threshing on a farm, mowing grass with the scythe, and raking and binding wheat after a cradle. After a visit to Hamilton and Tipton counties he bought a pair of horses and rode all the way back home from Indianapolis, over 600 miles, on horseback, arriving a few days in advance of the appointed time to take charge of his school.

His second tour he made in the spring of 1851,





extending it beyond the Mississippi, where the most reliable mode of travel then was by going afoot and lugging your baggage on your back, as there was then not a mile of railroad west of the great river, nor a single bridge across it anywhere. After trudging over 230 miles afoot over the sparsely settled western prairies of Iowa and Illinois, he returned to Indiana, purchased three horses and rode all the way back home on horseback, a second time. Since then he has been in every State and Territory in the Union with the exception of South Dakota; also in Mexico, British Columbia, the Klondike and headwaters of the Yukon, Ontario and Quebec. Among the endless variety of grand scenery abounding within the United States which he has visited and described in his numerous letters of correspondence for publication in *The New Era* and other Lancaster papers, are the Falls of Niagara; the White Mountains of New Hampshire; the Natural Bridge of Virginia; the Caverns of Luray; Pike's Peak, on the top of which he spent a night, nearly three miles above sea level; the Yellowstone National Park, spending a week therein; the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and the Petrified Forest of Arizona; the Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees in California; the Garden of the Gods in Colorado; the Bad Lands Region of Desolation in the Western part of North Dakota; the pictured rocks along the south shore of Lake Superior; and many other places of wonderful interest.

Mr. Wittmer has visited and become familiar with nearly all the large cities of the United States and British America, including Sitka, Juneau, Skagway and other small, but important, towns in Alaska. He has visited the extensive copper mines of Lake Superior; the Treadwell Gold Mine, the largest in Alaska; the Sweet Water Dam, ninety feet in height, and the Tuolumne Dam, 101 feet in height, both in California, and built at enormous expense for irrigation purposes; the Lick Observatory on top of Mount Hamilton, mounted with the monster telescope, 50 $\frac{1}{4}$  feet in length, through which he peered into the crater of an extinct volcano on the surface of the moon; the great Brooklyn bridge; the steel arch bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis; and the steel tubular bridge across the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, which are stupendous works of ingenious mechanical engineering skill, and he has spent hours at a time in viewing each of them from different points of vantage.

He has traveled afoot, on horseback, stage-coach, prairie schooner, canal packet, river, lake and ocean steamer; by steamer on the Hudson, the Potomac, the St. John's, the Oklawaha, the Niagara, the St. Lawrence, the Ohio, the Mississippi, the Illinois, the Columbia, Puget Sound, Long Island Sound, all the Great Lakes and several coast lines on the Atlantic and Pacific.

Mr. Wittmer has always kept strict account of all his business matters. Also a complete record of the leading lines of his scribbling, clerking, survey-

ing, and, among other things, he has written 12 wills, nearly 1,400 deeds and mortgages, and clerked without assistance 784 public sales of real estate and personal property. He has also settled up twenty-four estates as executor, administrator and assignee of the same; and was appointed and served as guardian for quite a number of minor children. He is and always has been, strictly temperate in his habits and has never used intoxicants nor tobacco in any form. He says he has been trying for years past to get out of business, but finds it is now more difficult to get out of it than it was to get in.

Mr. Wittmer was married Dec. 16, 1852, to Fanny Buckwalter, a daughter of Jacob and Fanny Buckwalter, of Manor township. She was born Aug. 11, 1827, and died July 31, 1887. To them were born five children, the second and third of which died in infancy. The eldest, Annie B. Wittmer, was born Dec. 22, 1853, and Oct. 24, 1876, was married to Henry G. Wittmer, a son of John Wittmer, Sr., a farmer of near Blue Rock, in Manor township. To them was born an only child, Clara W. Wittmer, on Oct. 31, 1890. They acquired one of the several farms of his father, on which they reside, and cultivate the same. Ellen B. Wittmer was born Sept. 30, 1862, remains unmarried, and has her home with her sister, Annie. She is greatly interested in, and devotes much of her time and aid to church, missionary and Sunday-school work. Allen E. Wittmer, born Nov. 28, 1895, married Bertha Steigelman, a daughter of John Steigelman, late of Manor township, deceased. He carries on a general store at Masonville, and is postmaster of Letort, at the same place. To them have been born three children, Charles M. Wittmer, on Jan. 31, 1891; Mary S. Wittmer, on June 22, 1892; and Ada E. Wittmer, on Oct. 6, 1901. The latter died March 1, 1902.

EDWARD CORNELIUS HALL (deceased), who for many years successfully conducted the "Delmonico," the well-known hotel on Center Square, Lancaster, and at the same time carried on classes for dancing and deportment, was born in Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 1, 1854.

Mr. Hall was a son of Carpenter and Elizabeth (Treen) Hall, of Strasburg, who removed to Lancaster when Edward C. was a small boy. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Abram C. and Joseph, both residents of Canton, Ohio; John F., in Massillon, Ohio; Edward C., whose name introduces this sketch; and Harry, Albert, Miss Ella and Ida (wife of George Swain), all four residents of Lancaster.

After following various occupations Edward C. Hall engaged in the hotel and cafe business, which he carried on with marked success for sixteen years or more, his place of business being known as the "Delmonico." For eighteen years, ably assisted by Mrs. Hall, he conducted dancing classes, which in their day were the most popular in Lancaster, receiving the patronage of the best people of the city. Mr.





Edw. C. Hall





Hall died Dec. 6, 1899, at the age of forty-five years, in the prime of life, and so popular and highly esteemed was he that it seemed as if the entire city attended his funeral to pay the last sad tribute of esteem and regard. He was a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Malta, and Artisans. In politics he was a Democrat.

In 1875 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Sarah Matilda Atlebach, daughter of the late Daniel Atlebach, who belonged to an old and well known family of this section. He died just ten weeks after the decease of Mr. Hall. To this union were born four children, as follows: Miss Mabel Gray, living at home; Charles Willison, who is learning the jeweler's trade with L. C. Reisner & Co.; Walter Daniel, attending Yeates Institute; and Reah Baker, also at school.

Mrs. Hall bravely took hold of the work her husband had laid down, and the "Delmonico" is kept fully up to the high popular standard it has all along maintained.

**CYRUS D. STAUFFER.** A prominent member of one of the old Lancaster county families which has long been noted for those qualities which have given this locality its high standing, is Cyrus D. Stauffer, now a retired farmer of West Donegal township, in the outskirts of Elizabethtown, where he erected his fine brick mansion in 1893.

Cyrus D. Stauffer was born May 21, 1843, son of Samuel K. and Mary (Dieffenderfer) Stauffer, of Mt. Joy township. The former died in 1895, in East Donegal township, aged eighty-one years, and his widow survived three years, dying at the age of seventy-five, both being buried in Bossler's Meeting House cemetery, in West Donegal township. For a decade prior to his death, he lived a retired life. Both he and his wife belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Aaron D., a retired farmer in East Donegal township; Cyrus D.; and Samuel D., a prominent resident of Lancaster.

On Sept. 20, 1866, at the home of the bride, in West Donegal township, Cyrus D. Stauffer was married to Miss Susan E. Heisey, and the children born to this union were: M. Grace, who married Benjamin F. Hoffman, of Conoy township; Dora M., who married R. S. Buch, a manufacturer of Elizabethtown; Irvin H., who is the teller in the Exchange Bank, in Elizabethtown; Katie H., at home; and Mary, Paul H. and Abner H., who all died young.

Mrs. Stauffer was born May 9, 1845, in West Donegal township, daughter of Henry B. and Catherine (Wolgernuth) Heisey, both of whom were born in Mt. Joy township, but died in West Donegal, where Mr. Heisey was a farmer in his earlier years, and where he lived for thirty years prior to his death in retirement from activity of that kind. He died in 1895 at the age of eighty-seven, his wife

having died in 1896, when seventy-four years old. Both were buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery, in West Donegal township. They were most estimable, Christian people, devoted members of the River Brethren Church.

Until 1893 Cyrus D. Stauffer continued to farm the old homestead, during which time every part of his domain was kept up to its full measure of capacity, winning for Mr. Stauffer the reputation of being one of the best farmers in his locality. For several terms Mr. Stauffer served West Donegal township on its school board. He belongs to the Brethren in Christ Church and is a man highly respected by all who know him.

**IRVIN H. STAUFFER,** teller in the Exchange Bank, of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born Sept. 25, 1870, in West Donegal township. His education was acquired in the common schools and until he was seventeen years of age, he assisted his father on the farm. As he advanced to early manhood, the restrictions of rural life and the limited opportunities for development of business ability, caused him to seek a position as clerk in Lancaster. For a year and a half he clerked in a clothing store in this city, but desiring to perfect himself in the higher branches of knowledge, he resigned this position and became a student at the Millersville State Normal School. There he took two courses, returning home in the spring of 1890, in time to accept the responsible place offered him of teller in the Exchange Bank, in Elizabethtown. In this position he has made a record for faithful service and is in direct line of promotion, possessing every qualification for a successful financial career. He takes an intelligent interest in politics, belongs to the Republican party and is prominent in social life. He is a member of Christ's Reformed Church, is one of its liberal supporters and a promoter of every worthy enterprise in his community.

On Nov. 27, 1901, he was married to Miss Cora McAllister, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Greider) McAllister, of Poquea township. She was born July 5, 1873.

**DANIEL ZIMMERMAN.** Among the respected and substantial farmer-citizens of West Earl township, is Daniel Zimmerman, who resides in great comfort upon his fine farm of seventy-three acres, located about one mile from the village of West Earl.

Daniel Zimmerman was born Dec. 25, 1846, a son of Emanuel and Mary (Stauffer) Zimmerman, the former of whom was well known as a good farmer and worthy citizen. The family of Emanuel and Mary Zimmerman numbered nine children, these being: David, deceased; Jacob, a farmer of Earl township; Daniel; Samuel, a farmer of Earl; Annie, the wife of Samuel Abot, a farmer of Earl; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Horst, an Earl farmer; Mary, the wife of John Good, of West Earl; Lydia, at home; and one child who died young. Mr. Zim-



merman was born in 1823 and died in 1895, while his wife was born in 1822, and died in 1892. The grandfather of Daniel was Christian Zimmerman, a man of means in his day, whose ancestors came to America from Germany, and he and his wife reared a family of ten children: John, Christian, David, Jacob, Martin, Elizabeth, Barbara, Susan, Emanuel and Peter.

Daniel Zimmerman was reared on the farm and all his life has taken a great interest in agriculture. His present farm gives every evidence of good management, for his buildings are of the best construction and all of the other improvements thoroughly modern. Mr. Zimmerman was educated in the public schools, and he has supplemented this with reading, so that he is one of the intelligent and progressive men of the township.

Daniel Zimmerman was married in 1870 to Miss Annie Erb, a daughter of Jacob L. and Elizabeth (Groff) Erb, of West Earl township, and this union has been blessed with two sons and two daughters: Benjamin, a farmer of West Earl; Martin, who resides at home; Mary, the wife of Christian Kisser, of Clay township; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Good, of West Earl township.

In politics, Mr. Zimmerman is a staunch Republican, and he is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. His personal character is high, and he enjoys the esteem of the whole community.

**SIMON DENLINGER**, a retired farmer of Leacock township, and one of the most highly esteemed and upright residents of that community, was born in Paradise township, Oct. 23, 1845, a son of John and Mary (Brubaker) Denlinger. His father was born in Paradise township, and his mother in West Hempfield. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died in 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife having passed to her reward two years previously, at the age of seventy-eight. The remains of both are resting in the Hess cemetery, of Salisbury township. Mr. Denlinger had retained his physical abilities to such an extent that he had been retired only six years before his death. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Denlinger were born the following children: Francis, who died young; Barbara and John, both unmarried, and living on the old farm; Lizzie, who is the widow of Elias Leaman, and has her home in Intercourse, Pa.; Samuel, a retired farmer in Paradise township; Elias, a retired farmer in Salisbury township; Simon; Jacob; Mary, wife of H. E. Musser, of Paradise, Pa., whose sketch may be found elsewhere; Tobias, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere, died in 1898; Christiann, married to Henry Hershey, of Intercourse, Pa.; Evaline, wife of E. H. Hostetter, living in Leacock township.

Simon Denlinger was married Nov. 24, 1870, in Paradise township, to Anna Mary Leaman, by

whom he became the father of the following family: Noah B., a farmer, and engaged in the cultivation of the old Denlinger homestead and married to Hannah Eby; Leaman J., a farmer in Leacock township, who married Emma Hoover, and with whom Mr. Denlinger makes his home; Jason, who died in infancy; Harry, living on the old homestead with his brother Noah.

Mrs. Anna M. Denlinger was born in Leacock township, March 14, 1851, and died Aug. 10, 1897. Her remains rest in the Hess cemetery, Salisbury township. She was the daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Buckwalter) Leaman, both of Lancaster county. They were the parents of the following children: Catherine, who is the widow of John Kreider, and resides in Paradise township; Susan, married to Ephraim Hershey, of Salisbury township; Elam, a farmer in Leacock township, married to Mina Landis; Jacob, a farmer in Leacock township, who married Annie Hershey; Anna M., the wife of Mr. Denlinger; Frank, of Gordonville, Pa., married to Ida Hershey; Ezra, a cigar manufacturer in Paradise township, married to Grace Hunsecker. The father, Jacob Leaman, a farmer, died and his widow married Albert Deffenbaugh, registrar of wills at Greenland, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Denlinger remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming in Hempfield township, in which he was engaged eleven years. At the end of that period he removed to a farm in Paradise township, on which he was located until 1898, when he retired, and came to live with his son. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church; in his politics he is a Republican.

**AMOS P. SMITH**. Among the honorable and respected farmers of Drumore township is Amos P. Smith, who resides on his fine farm of 115 acres, situated less than a mile from Fairfield, Pa. Mr. Smith was a grandson of Joseph Smith, who was a native of Chester county, Pa., coming to Lancaster county when a young man. There he married Tracy Shoemaker, of Drumore township, who was born in 1806, he being five years her senior, and they had a family of four children who grew to maturity: Rachel, a resident of Drumore township; George and Amos, twins; and Ellen W., who is the wife of Hon. William Brosius, a member of the Legislature from this district, more extended mention of whom may be found elsewhere.

George Smith, the father of Amos P., was born in 1825, and married Emily Tennis, who was born in 1826. They were married in 1848 and reared four children: Amos P., who was born Oct. 2, 1849; Annie M., born Feb. 15, 1852, wife of Gardner Crawford, of Perryville, Md.; Gerritt, born Oct. 17, 1857, who resides on the old home place, and whose biography appears in this work; and Ellsworth, born Sept. 6, 1861, who died while still a young man.





Amos P. Smith was married on Dec. 5, 1871, to Lydia S. Lamborn, who was a daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, of Martic township. She was born Oct. 29, 1851. This marriage has been blessed with these children: Ellsworth W., born Nov. 27, 1877, at home, unmarried; Eva May, born Jan. 2, 1882; Edna R., June 14, 1884; Emline T., Oct. 24, 1886; Joseph E., Jan. 4, 1890; and George A., Sept. 22, 1892.

Mrs. Smith was reared in a family of ten children, as follows: George S., of Martic township; Aquilla B., of Britain township; Emline, the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, of Drumore township; Ellwood, deceased; William, deceased; Mary E., the wife of Thomas B. Hambleton, a merchant of Fernglan, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Sarah E., the wife of Jacob K. Brown, of Fulton township, whose sketch is a part of this volume; Alice, the wife of William L. Shoemaker, of Fulton township, whose sketch also appears; Lucinda, the wife of Benjamin F. Tennis; and Lydia S., the wife of Mr. Smith.

The fine, well-improved farm which is now the home of Mr. Smith and his family was purchased by him in 1899, and is one of the most desirable properties in this county. It is under excellent cultivation, while the attractive residence, commodious barns, fruitful orchards and complete fencing, show that Mr. Smith is a very capable manager of it all.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, although in no way a politician, and both he and his wife manifest a great interest in the welfare of the locality. As he was reared, so he has continued, a consistent and worthy member of the Society of Friends. He has taken a great interest in the workings of the W. C. T. U., believing it to be a great moral factor, and his daughter Eva is the secretary of the Union at Fairfield. This is one of the truly representative families of Drumore township.

**JOSEPH H. BEILER.** Among the passengers on the ship, the "Charming Polly," which sailed from Rotterdam and landed its cargo at Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 8, 1737, was one Jacob Beiler, who bought land in eastern Pennsylvania and reared there a family. His son, Christopher S., was a resident of Chester county, as was also his son, Christian. The next in line was John, who was a son of Christian and he was the grandfather of our subject, Joseph H. Beiler, of Upper Leacock township, in Lancaster county.

John Beiler was born in East Lampeter township and married Elizabeth Lapp. They were farming people and members of the Old Mennonite Church. John Beiler died in Union county, Pa., in 1808, at the age of eighty-six years, but his widow survived until 1877, dying at the home of one of her children, in Upper Leacock township, at the age of eighty-four years.

Deacon John L. Beiler, son of John Beiler, was born in Lancaster county and was about two years

old when his parents removed to Mifflin county, where he married and remained until 1854, when he returned to Lancaster county and located on a farm in East Lampeter township. There he died in 1892, aged seventy-five years, six months and three days. The mother of our subject was born in Mifflin county and lived until 1874, dying at the age of fifty-four. They lie side by side in the old burying ground known as Ranks, in East Lampeter township. Both were pious and worthy members of the Amish order of the Mennonite Church. From 1809 to his death, in 1892, John L. Beiler held the honorable office of deacon in the church. This worthy man was held in the highest esteem through the locality.

The children born to Deacon John L. Beiler and his wife were: David, who lived to be forty years old; Elizabeth, who lives in East Lampeter township, unmarried; Joseph H.; Nancy; Sarah; Jennima, who married John Zook, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; John, who died at the age of thirty-one; Samuel, the farmer on the old homestead, near Witmer, Pa.; Joel; Rebecca, who died in infancy; Mary, who died unmarried, at the age of thirty-five. Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah and Joel are all single and reside together on the old farm in East Lampeter township, highly esteemed in their neighborhood.

Joseph H. Beiler acquired his education in the district schools and remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he was about twenty-two years of age, at which time he began to learn the carpenter trade and worked at it for the following three years. However, he later decided to return to farming and began operations on land in the vicinity of Gordonville, Pa., where he remained until 1875, when he came to his present fine farm, located a quarter of a mile south of Mechanicsburg, on the New Holland turnpike. Here in connection with his farming he has conducted a threshing outfit, but since 1892 he has been retired from activity, his son-in-law carrying on operations on the farm.

Although Mr. Beiler has retired from active labor, it is not on account of age, as he was born in Mifflin county, on June 11, 1845, and is still in the prime of life. His parents were John L. and Lydia (Hertzler) Beiler, of whom mention has been made. On Dec. 15, 1870, in Leacock township, Joseph H. Beiler was married to Miss Sarah Kauffman, and to this union was born one daughter, Anna K., who married Moses P. Stoltz, who manages Mr. Beiler's farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Stoltz three children have been born, Daniel, Joseph and Sarah.

Mrs. Sarah (Kauffman) Beiler was born in Leacock township, Jan. 11, 1850, a daughter of John Kauffman and Susan King, the former of whom was born in Mifflin county, and the latter in Lancaster county. Mr. Kauffman was a large farmer and died in Leacock township on April 3, 1898, at the age of seventy-six years. He had been



one of the leading men of his county, and was township auditor at one time, but for some years had lived retired from active duties. The mother of Mrs. Beiler was born in 1826 and now resides in the daughter's family, every member of which is solicitous for her comfort. Both she and her husband belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Samuel, who died young; Elizabeth, who married John S. Fisher, and resides in East Lampeter township; Sarah, the wife of Joseph H. Beiler; Jacob, who is a farmer of Leacock township; Susan, who married John B. Fisher, now a retired farmer of this township; Ely, who is a farmer in Leacock township; Salome, who died young; and Rebecca, who died at the age of twenty years. The grandparents of Mrs. Beiler were old and most highly esteemed citizens of this part of the State, those on the father's side being John and Eliza (Lapp) Kauffman, natives of Chester county, while those on the mother's side were John and Eliza (Stoltzfus) King, both natives of Leacock township. All were farmers and religiously connected with the Old Mennonite Church.

Joseph H. Beiler has been a life-long Republican, although he has taken no very active part in politics, contenting himself with doing his duty as a citizen. For three years he served his township as school director and has always shown interest in all measures promising advantage to the county. Both he and his family are connected with the Old Mennonite Church and he is known to be a man of integrity and high character.

DAVID H. HESS, a blacksmith of Conestoga township, is a son of Daniel Hess. The father, Daniel Hess, was a blacksmith, who learned his trade with a man named Johnson, in Pequea township, and followed it all his life. For a number of years before his death, in 1866, he was connected with the Old Mennonite Church. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, but never sought office. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac Hoak, of Slackwater. They were the parents of nine children: Christina, wife of Cyrus Stombaugh, of Millersville; Tobias, who was drowned in the Conestoga about twenty years ago while fishing; Isaac H., bar-tender for Mrs. Caroline Hoak, of Millersville; David H.; John F. M., of Sterling, Ill., a carpenter; Martin H., of Conestoga township, a tobacco farmer; Henry H., of Sterling, Ill.; Lizzie, wife of Stephen Watson, Conestoga township, a farmer; Fannie, wife of John Bengé, a paper-maker in Delaware.

David H. Hess was born Oct. 8, 1855, in Conestoga Center. His father died when he was only eleven years old. He was soon thereafter hired out to Jacob B. Herr, a farmer in Pequea township, where he remained four years. He then worked for Jacob B. Stetman, of Conestoga, for two years. After this he went with Cyrus H. Stombaugh, of Millersville, to learn the blacksmith trade and he

remained there three years. He then removed to Rock Hill, started in business for himself, and has remained there ever since.

In February, 1877, he was married to Barbara, daughter of Jacob Burkhardt, of Conestoga. They are the parents of four children, Minnie E., Susan B., Oscar B. and Charles H., all at home. In addition to Mr. Hess' blacksmith business, he has a farm of thirty acres which he uses for raising vegetables for market. He rents a stand in the Southern Market, Lancaster City, where he disposes of his produce every Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hess has a common school education but has studied the topics of the day since reaching mature age and is well posted on all matters of general interest. He has been successful through his own efforts and is an honored citizen of his neighborhood.

CHRISTIAN WISE, of the firm of Wise Bros., successful brick manufacturers of Lancaster, Pa., whose products find a ready sale throughout the entire county and neighboring districts, is one of the enterprising business men of the city, and was formerly a member of the common council. He was born Dec. 18, 1845, in Baden, Germany, son of Adam and Catherine (Meister) Wise, also natives of Germany.

Adam Wise was a weaver in his native land, and after his marriage he emigrated to America, arriving in Lancaster, Pa., in April, 1847. For some time after his arrival Mr. Wise was employed in unloading coal on the "Engleside," and later engaged in the manufacture of brick in the employ of George Kautz, of whom he learned the business. In 1871 he embarked in that line of business for himself, assisted by his sons, and continued in the same until his death, which occurred March 4, 1875, when he was not quite fifty-eight years of age. His wife, who has now reached an advanced age, resides at Lancaster. Her father, Lanhait Meister, also emigrated to America, and died in Lancaster at the age of eighty-two. Adam Wise was a Democrat in politics, in which he took a deep interest. His religious connections were with the Reformed Church. To himself and wife eleven children were born, but only three grew to maturity, Christian, John V. and Louisa, Mrs. Beaumann, all residing in Lancaster. John V. Wise, ex-president of the select council of Lancaster, and one of the leading members of the Democratic party of this locality, was nominated county commissioner on the Democratic ticket June 6, 1902. He is the partner of his brother, Christian, in the firm of Wise Bros. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and was one of the youngest soldiers received into service. On June 23, 1872, John V. Wise married Margaret Kroft.

When Christian Wise was only eighteen months old his parents took him to the New World, the little party landing upon the free soil of their future home after a stormy voyage of forty-five days. His boyhood days were spent in Lancaster, where he







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attended the common schools and worked in a brickyard. Later he attended school during the winter, learning at the same time the trade of cigarmaker, which he put to good use after his return from the war. But when his father and brother John entered into the brick business, he joined them and since that time has devoted all his time and attention to this branch of industrial life. The brickyards and kilns owned by Wise Bros., the two brothers succeeding to sole control after the demise of their father, in 1875, are the best equipped in the county, and are well adapted to the immense volume of business annually transacted by the firm. The plant is located on the corner of Manor and Prospect streets, the yards covering twelve acres, and the plant is fully supplied with a 30-horse-power engine and all requisite brick-making machinery. When running full force employment is given to forty men. There are three kilns and the annual output averages 3,500,000 brick. In addition to the manufacture of ordinary bricks, the firm have a large demand for pressed and hand moulded varieties. The clay used is of the very best quality, and great care is exercised in every process of manufacture. In 1881 Mr. Wise bought a 100-acre farm near Richmond, Va., and lived there two years.

On Feb. 25, 1864, although then scarcely nineteen years old, Mr. Wise enlisted in Co. C, 2d Pa. H. A., being mustered into service at Philadelphia and sent to the front, and attached to the Army of the Potomac, with which he participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, and the Siege of Petersburg. Later, he was transferred to the Army of the James, under Gen. Butler, with which he remained until the surrender. On July 4, 1864, while on picket duty near Petersburg, on the Richmond & Norfolk railroad, he was wounded, a bullet passing through his right cheek and coming out at the back of his neck. Although given a justly earned furlough, before two months had passed the brave young soldier was at duty again, with his regiment, in which he became corporal. While near Petersburg, June 17, 1864, he had received a buck-shot wound in the left knee. He was finally discharged in February, 1866, after he had made a war record of which he and his children may well be proud.

In politics Mr. Wise has always been a staunch Democrat, members of his family having supported the principles of that organization from the time of their location in Lancaster. About 1869 Mr. Wise served as a member of the city council for one term, and he always takes a most active part in all campaigns; he has served also as judge of election. Being recognized as a man of sterling merit, calm judgment and keen discrimination, he is often called upon to serve upon the petit juries. Socially he is well and favorably known throughout the entire community, and fraternally he is associated with Monterey Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with the Knights

of Pythias. The family are members of the St. John's Reformed Church of Lancaster.

In August, 1866, Mr. Wise married, in Lancaster, Emma R. Pyle, and the following children have been born to them: Emma married John K. Warren, a tailor of York, Pa., and they have had seven children, two of whom are deceased: Adam, with his father in the brickyard, and a resident of Lancaster, married Catherine Benner, and they had one child; Frederick, also employed with his father, married Ida Reece, and has had four children, one of whom is deceased: Miss Mamie is at home; Louisa married Samuel Charles, and they have three children: Kate married Benjamin Herr, of Lancaster, and they have four children, one of whom is deceased: Miss Minnie is at home. The family reside in a pleasant home built by Mr. Wise in 1886.

Mrs. Wise was born in Lancaster Oct. 8, 1843, a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Miller) Pyle, of Lancaster. Frederick Pyle, who was a distiller, died Sept. 4, 1886, when he was sixty-two years of age, while his wife died May 18, 1858, aged forty-eight years, and both are buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were members of the First Reformed and Trinity Churches, respectively. They had the following family: Rebecca, who died in childhood; George, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sarah, widow of John Silvas, of Lancaster, Pa.; John (deceased), who was a soldier in the 79th P. V. I., and was wounded; Emma R., Mrs. Wise; Mary (deceased), who married Henry Leonard; Washington, a railroad detective of Lancaster, Pa. (he was a soldier in the 79th P. V. I.); Lucy, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Philip, of Lancaster; Allen, of Lancaster; Harry and Frederick, twins, the former of whom died in childhood, the latter at the age of twenty-two; and Joseph, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Wise were Philip and Margaret (Wilkinson) Pyle, he a native of Germany, and she of Virginia. The history of Philip Pyle reads like one of the modern novels dealing with by-gone days. Only eighteen, ignorant of the language of the new land, he was sold in Virginia for his passage and remained there four years. At the expiration of his period of bondage, he married, and with his faithful wife made his way to Lancaster, Pa., where he became a distiller and one of the leading men of that city, dying in 1849, aged seventy-eight. His wife survived him one year, dying at the age of seventy-six, and both are buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Wise was George Miller, of Lancaster, a prominent pump manufacturer and leading citizen.

HENRY AUGUSTUS ROLAND was born in New Holland, Pa., Nov. 26, 1819, and died in that borough, June 21, 1901. His remains rest in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery at New Holland, Pa.





He was a lifelong resident of New Holland and was descended, both paternally and maternally, from pioneer Germans, those early Palatinate settlers who, in 1709, on the invitation of Queen Anne, fled from religious persecution on the banks of the Rhine in Germany to seek a haven in the New World. Ever since their original land grant from Thomas Penn, as early as 1733, the Rolands have been large land owners, and have been prominently identified for more than a century and a half with the management and progress of affairs in the community. Henry Augustus Roland was the fifth of a family of seven children born to Henry and Margaret (Seeger) Roland, and received his early education at the New Holland free school and at Beck's noted Academy at Lititz, Pa. He was married in 1849 to Jane Whann Heyl, a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Whann) Heyl, of Philadelphia, Pa., by whom he had the following family: Oliver, a physician at Lancaster, Pa.; William H., an attorney at Lancaster, Pa.; Frederic A., cashier of the Second National Bank at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Possessed of a strong and logical mind, Mr. Roland manifested from early manhood those sterling qualities of success, energy, accuracy, tact and prevision in the successful management of the many responsibilities that were thrust upon him. As a financier he was keen and alert, shrewd and sagacious, yet prudent and cautious, qualities which he lived to see bring him his well earned increment.

It has been truly said, "he was progressive in his ideas, and encouraged and supported every movement calculated to advance the interests of the community in which he spent his entire lifetime." He was from early age a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and was prominently identified with the erection of their present church building in 1850. He was, for over fifty years, a director and manager of the New Holland Turnpike Company; was chosen president of the Centennial Jubilee at New Holland, July 4, 1876, and volunteered much encouragement and assistance in the production of the "History of the Three Earls."

He took an active part in the organization of the New Holland National Bank, in which he was one of the original stock holders, although magnanimously waiving all suggestion in its management, owing to his growing years. He, nevertheless, always displayed a keen and solicitous interest in its progress and success. He advocated the incorporation of New Holland into a borough, and was active in the movement which led to that result in 1896. He encouraged and supported in a substantial way the organization of the New Holland Water Company, and was prominent and foremost in all progressive movements.

Although continually employed with financial cares, he gave much time to literary pursuits, was thoroughly conversant with the topics of the day,

whilst his voluminous reading extended to the higher sciences, to philosophy and to religious thought, which his reasoning mind was so well adapted to grasp. As a cultured gentleman, of genial disposition, engaging manners and scrupulous integrity, his companionship was much sought by his friends.

JOHN D. RUTHERFORD, a prosperous and successful general farmer of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in Adams county, Pa., July 11, 1834, and is a son of William and Leah (Decker) Rutherford. The parents came into Lancaster county in 1840, and made their home in Bainbridge, where their lives were spent. The father was a mason by trade, and did a tobacco farming business. When he died, in 1881, he had reached the age of sixty-seven years. The mother died in 1870, at the age of sixty years, and both were buried in Bainbridge. They were members of the Lutheran and the Reformed Churches, respectively, and were the parents of the following family of children: John D.; Leah, unmarried, who lives in Elizabethtown; Julia Ann and Martin, deceased; Levi, a stone mason in Elizabethtown; Daniel, dead; William, a stone mason in Elizabethtown; Catherine, dead; Henry, a resident of Marietta.

Samuel Rutherford, the paternal grandfather of John D., came from England, and married a German-born woman, in Adams county, where their married life was spent and where he died; his widow died in Bainbridge, Lancaster county.

John D. Rutherford and Rachel A. Shelly were married Nov. 13, 1859, in Columbia, by Rev. Mr. Menges, and to this union came the following children: Mary Ann, now dead; William L., who married Anna C. Lanstrum, and is a Lutheran pastor at Dayton, Ohio; Frances, the wife of Samuel Sapping, a cigar maker in Philadelphia; Bellina and Mary, both deceased; John, who married Emma Dennison and lives in Philadelphia; Effie, married to William Harlan and living at home; Bessie and Emma (who married George Shields), both deceased.

Mrs. Rachel A. Rutherford was born in Chester, Pa., Jan. 31, 1834, and is a daughter of Godlib and Catherine (Iseman) Shelly, both born and bred in Germany, where they married. When they came to this country they settled in Chester, but moved into Lancaster county in 1848, making their home near New Holland. The father was a farmer, and worked in tanneries during the winter season. Born to them were John, deceased; Fredrika, who married Charles Reisler, and is dead; Louisa, late wife of Christ. Sweinard; Rachel; Emma, the wife of John Swartz, of Philadelphia; Agnes, the widow of George Robbery, who lives in Philadelphia; Lizzie, the widow of John Sellers, who has her home in Philadelphia; Fanny and Lydia are unmarried and live in Philadelphia.

John D. Rutherford remained with his parents until he became of age, then for about two years



worked among the neighboring farmers. After his marriage he worked eight years on the railroad, and rented farms for several years. In 1885 he came upon the farm where he is now found. It forms part of the Cassel estate, and is a very valuable piece of real estate.

Mr. Rutherford is a Republican, and has served as constable four years. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and bear themselves well in the community where their peaceful and industrious lives are passing. They are straightforward and strictly honest in all their dealings, and their kind hearts and genial disposition have made them many friends.

FRANK R. GROFF, a contractor of concrete and mason work in Conoy township, Lancaster county, Pa., has extensive farming interests also in that locality, and has made a comfortable place for himself in the community in which his useful life is passing. Mr. Groff was born in Laupheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 31, 1849, and came to this country in 1872, crossing the ocean on the French ship "The Sign Lawrence." Landing in New York, he at once made his way to Lancaster county, and here he has resided to the present time. He is a son of Fridolin and Waldburger (Romer) Groff, both his parents living and dying in Germany. The father was a brick layer, mason and contractor, dying in 1895, at the age of fifty-eight years; the mother died in 1872, at the age of sixty-one years. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and had the following children: George, a Catholic priest, who went to South America in 1853; Pius, an architect, who is deceased; Frank R.; Magdalena, deceased wife of Christ. Weisman, a salesman; Elizabeth, late wife of Joseph Zimmermann, a carpenter and contractor; Philomena, the wife of Nenzenz Speitel, a miller on the island of Sicily. Of this family Frank R. is the only one to come to the United States.

Frank R. Groff and Catherine Schroll were married in York county, Jan. 22, 1880, and to their union were born the following two children: Frances S., who married Harvey Shank, and lives in Newville, Lancaster county; Frank L., who is at home. Mrs. Catherine Groff was born in Manchester township, York county, Dec. 8, 1857, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary M. (Hartman) Schroll, both natives of York county, where their lives were spent. The father was a farmer, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years; the mother died in 1893, at the age of eighty-two years; they were buried in the cemetery connected with Hoover's Church, in York county. Born to them were the following children: Jacob, who is dead; Henry, a veteran of the Civil war, living in the Soldiers' Home; Daniel, deceased; Solomon, a resident of Harrisburg; Emanuel, of Lancaster; Christina, of Mt. Wolf, Pa., married to Abraham Rhoads; Susan, who married James Maze, and is

dead; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Judy, and has her home in Middletown; Magdalena, deceased; Catherine, wife of Frank R. Groff.

Frank R. Groff remained at home with his parents, working at his trade, until his coming to this country. After his arrival here he spent some time in several of the large cities, was at Cincinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City, making a permanent location, however, in Conoy township, Lancaster county, in 1877, and moving to his present home in 1881. He is a capable and energetic man, strictly honorable and reliable, and belongs to the Mennonite Church. In his politics he is a Republican, and he is highly regarded by those who know him best. His wife belongs to the Dunkard Church.

CHRISTOPHER HAGER, attorney at law, Marietta, Pa., was born in Lancaster city May 6, 1860, and is a son of Henry W. and Ellen (Hayes) Hager. Henry W. Hager was a dry-goods merchant, and carried on business in Lancaster with his brothers, John C. and Charles E. Hager, under the firm name of Hager & Bros. He was also postmaster at Lancaster under President Grant's first administration, and died Dec. 23, 1872, at the early age of thirty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hager had born to them three children, viz.: Isabella H., wife of John R. Nicholson, Chief Justice and Chancellor of Equity for the State of Delaware, and residing in Dover, that State; Christopher, whose name opens this article; and Mary Bell, married to Robert D. Stewart, a railroad contractor in Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of Christopher Hager were Christopher and Catharine (Sener) Hager, the former of whom was a dry-goods merchant and also president of the Farmers National Bank in Lancaster. Christopher Hager, the great-grandfather, came from Worms, Germany, in 1704, and settled in Lancaster, where he engaged in merchandising. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Alexander L. and Isabella (Patterson) Hayes. Alexander L. Hayes came from York River Plantation, Sussex Co., Del., to Reading, Pa., in 1820. He had graduated from Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, and, locating in Reading, practiced law there a few years, when he moved to Lancaster, having been appointed Judge of the Lancaster District Court, which was afterward abolished; for term after term he was subsequently elected Judge of the General Courts of Lancaster county, serving a total of more than fifty years on the Bench, and died in Lancaster in 1875, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Isabella (Patterson) Hayes was a daughter of Col. Galbreth Patterson, a gallant patriot of the Revolutionary war, and was a granddaughter on the maternal side of Brig. Gen. William Thompson, of Carlisle, Pa. Gen. Thompson was a brother-in-law of George Ross, of Pennsylvania, and George Reed, of Delaware, both signers of the Declaration of Independence.





Christopher Hager, the subject proper of these lines, at the age of eleven years was sent to a boarding-school conducted by A. R. Beck, of Lititz, Pa., and a year later was transferred to the Franklin and Marshall Academy, in Lancaster, and two years later to Cheltenham Academy, in Montgomery county, from which he graduated when eighteen years old. He then became a member of the firm of Hager & Bros., dry-goods merchants, being in the sales department of the store until 1885, after which he traveled through the United States and Europe for a year. In 1886 he entered the law office of Hon. J. Hay Brown, as his first student. After a course of law study for two years he entered the office of Nathaniel Ellmaker, his uncle, with whom he remained a few years, after which time he devoted his attention to fire insurance for four years, and then sold out his agencies and the business he had established. He then went to Philadelphia, and was appointed cashier of the State Insurance Company of Philadelphia, with which corporation he remained two years. He then opened a law office in that city, and for a year had a successful practice there, until November, 1898, when he settled in Marietta, where he at once rose to prominence as an attorney, becoming borough solicitor, attorney for the First National Bank of Marietta and many leading business houses; he is also the solicitor and treasurer of the Pioneer Fire Company of Marietta.

In June, 1896, Mr. Hager married, in Marietta, Miss Maud E. Baker, a native of the borough, and a daughter of Col. Frederick and Jennie (Jack) Baker, of Marietta and Lancaster, respectively. Col. Frederick Baker was for a long time editor of the *Marietta Register*, and died in 1885, when sixty years old. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hager was Peter Baker, a leading lumber merchant of Marietta, and her maternal grandfather was Joshua Jack, an architect, contractor and builder, of Lancaster.

Besides attending to his law business in Marietta Mr. Hager also occupies the old Ellmaker law office in Lancaster. He is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M., the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Society of the Sons of Revolution. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican. As a lawyer he stands in the front rank with his professional brethren, and as a citizen he enjoys the unfeigned respect of all who know him.

**HENRY GERHART**, of No. 46 North Queen street, Lancaster, enjoys the distinction of being proprietor and manager of the largest merchant tailoring establishment in that city. His successful career has been the result of his complete mastery of every detail of his business, and of the absolute integrity of all his business methods.

Mr. Gerhart was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 22, 1835, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth

(Thies) Gerhart, the former of whom was a merchant in that place, and passed away in 1836. Henry Gerhart spent his boyhood days in his native town, and when his school days were ended was apprenticed to the tailor's trade. Early in 1850 he sailed for America, by way of London, landing at New York, where he studied American methods, and then began working as a journeyman, coming to Lancaster the same year. In 1865 Mr. Gerhart began business for himself, and has proved very successful as a merchant tailor. For many years he was located on the east side of North Queen street, but the demands of an increasing trade made better quarters a necessity, and he secured his present location, where he maintains by far the largest tailor shop in the city. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Gerhart added the making of ladies' tailor-made garments to his other business, and this new departure brought a very generous response from the trading public, now rivaling in volume the original business.

In 1866 Mr. Gerhart was married to Miss Margaret Wittlinger, of Lancaster, daughter of the late John Wittlinger, a prominent old-time brewer of the city. Mrs. Gerhart died in November, 1893, leaving one son, J. H. Gerhart, who after graduating from Franklin and Marshall College entered the big establishment of his father on North Queen street, as an assistant; in 1894 he married Anna M. Wolf, of Lancaster.

Mr. Gerhart was one of the founders, and a stockholder and director, of the Maennerchor Hall Association, of which he was president for a time, and treasurer for a period of eight years. He belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church, where he has been a vestryman for twenty-five years, as well as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and financial secretary of the parish for the same period. Socially he is a charter member and past officer of Hebel Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is one of the organizers and former officers of the Order of Seven Wise Men. In all the affairs of life Mr. Gerhart has always proved faithful and worthy of respect and confidence, and after a mercantile career of thirty-five years in Lancaster he is still wide-awake and vigorous, with a trade that is yearly taking on larger proportions. He has a wide circle of friends and patrons.

**GEORGE LEWIS LYLE**. For many years George Lewis Lyle was a trusted and efficient railroad man, but in 1892 he yielded to the wishes of family and party friends and left that line to accept the position of justice of the peace in Columbia, in which situation he gave general satisfaction, testified by several re-elections.

Mr. Lyle was born in Paradise township May 17, 1813, a son of Samuel B. and Fanny (Graham) Lyle, natives of Lancaster county. The father was connected with railroading, and died in Columbia, at the home of his son, on Aug. 25, 1868, at the age of sixty-three years, one month and twenty-one days. The mother passed away Dec. 6, 1875, at the age of





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sixty-six years and eleven days. Both parents were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and in that faith reared a family of six children, these being: John and Edward, twins, the former a resident of Baltimore, Md., the latter deceased; Emma and Fanny, twins, both deceased; Mary J., Mrs. George W. Hoover, who, with her husband, is now dead; and George Lewis.

When Mr. Lyle was but two years old his parents moved to Indiana, but they returned to Columbia two years later, and he was reared on a farm, while he received his education in the public schools. Before entering upon railroad work he was employed for some two years in a saw mill, but he found better opportunities on the road, became a brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania lines and in 1861 was made a conductor. During the great strike in 1877 Mr. Lyle resigned his position, later accepting a similar one with the Reading Railroad.

Although Mr. Lyle had spent many years in railroading and was most highly regarded by all with whom he had business relations, his family desired him to make a change, and in 1891, in deference to their wishes, he resigned his lucrative position, and the next year was appointed justice of the peace, having served as constable of Columbia during 1878-79-and-80. Many quite important cases were brought before Justice Lyle, and all were adjusted without appeal to a higher court.

On Sept. 10, 1897, Mr. Lyle was married to Anna M. Ranck, and the children of this union are: William D. deceased; Ella M., who married Henry E. Kline, of Columbia; Samuel E.; Mary J., who married Charles Fine and is now dead, leaving one child, who lives with Mr. Lyle; John W.; Anna S.; George P.; Frances M.; Joseph C. and Fred T., all living at home; and Jessie L., deceased. The parents of Mrs. Lyle, Jesse and Sarah (Shultz) Ranck, were old residents of Paradise township. The parents were of German descent. Her father's death occurred in Ohio, after a number of years spent in Columbia, in the saddlery business.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lyle is a Democrat, as was his father before him. In 1902, through political changes, Mr. Lyle lost his office of justice, and has since acted as notary public in Columbia. He is becoming unable to perform much labor, as in 1868 he was partly paralyzed. In Columbia, where they are all known, the family is most highly esteemed, and Mr. Lyle is considered a representative citizen.

**WILLIAM K. BENDER.** The founder of the Bender family came from Germany, a country which has contributed to Lancaster county many of its best citizens.

David Bender, the founder, located a large tract of land in Upper Leacock township and became a large land owner there and a very pronounced Federalist, always advocating the rights of the colonies. He was successful in many lines of business, was

the owner of superior horses and operated a distillery, the product of which he marketed himself in Philadelphia and in Pittsburg. As a staunch supporter of the Lutheran Church he was highly esteemed, and at an advanced age he passed away, and his is among the earlier tombs in the old Heller burying-ground, where many of his descendants also rest. Two sons and two daughters survived him: Susan and Elizabeth, who never married; John, who followed closely in the footsteps of his father, lived out his life in Upper Leacock township and there reared a family; and George, the grandfather of William K., of this biography.

Grandfather George Bender married a member of the Kinzer family, which came from England, and they reared a most estimable family, their son, Kinzer D. Bender, becoming a power in Lancaster county. For many years Kinzer D. Bender was associated in the closest bonds of friendship with that great statesman of Pennsylvania, Thaddeus Stevens, and with him held strong views on the slavery question and other subjects of public morality. At the time of which we write, it was the universal practice through the farming regions to supply intoxicants to the assistants who helped in the haying and harvesting, and to take a firm stand against the practice was almost as serious a business as it was to break one of the old laws of the Medes and Persians. However, Kinzer D. Bender was a man of principle and he took his stand against the custom and was forced to bear the brunt of much indignation and misrepresentation. As a financier he was highly regarded, and was welcomed as a director in some of the leading banks of the county; and as a farmer, he was one of the first to place improved machinery on his estate. The free school system received his hearty support, and all schemes for the advancement of his section met with his approbation. To his church, of the Lutheran faith, he was generous, and only those nearest him knew of his charities. His life was extended to eighty-two years, his death occurring in 1890.

Among the children left by this most worthy and honored citizen were: Franklin, a resident of Mechanicsburg; John W., deceased, who left one son, who resides near Heller's Church, in Upper Leacock township; William K.; and Mary, the wife of Jacob Burkholder, who resides near Mechanicsburg, all of them being among the esteemed residents of the county.

William K. Bender was reared on the farm and had the advantages resulting from his father's intelligent companionship. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as sergeant in Co. B., 122 P. V. I. and took part in the battles of Chantilly, the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and in all of the skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged. At Chancellorsville he was painfully wounded by a minie ball, but remained at his post until the regiment was relieved.



For many years William K. Bender was connected as a director with the Susquehanna Iron Company, of Columbia, and when it, with the Lebanon Iron Company, with which he was also connected was absorbed by the combination now known as the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, he continued to be financially interested.

As a prominent citizen he is connected with many of the financial institutions of the county, is a director in the Lititz Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lancaster county and is one of its active promoters. His interest in education equals that of his father, and in early manhood he taught in the public schools in his native county for two years, 1860 and 1861, giving that up in 1862 to respond to his country's call as a volunteer in support of the administration which received his first vote. Later he served on the school board for many years, and has advocated many reforms in the county.

In 1865 William K. Bender was married to Elizabeth A. Hartman, of German and French descent and from a most worthy and honorable family. At the time of their marriage both were connected with the M. E. Church and were untiring workers in the Sunday-school field, in both church and union schools, county and village, advocating that the period for retirement only comes when the workman is called to his reward, and this spirit has been imbibed by their three daughters. Mr. Bender's passion for music, both vocal and instrumental, was marked, and he found no higher enjoyment than that which grows from its acquisition and rendering. He has advocated its cultivation in the public schools as one of the refining forces in molding and elevating society. In his family he has insisted upon a higher education for his children as a sure and safe investment, the pleasure imparted repaying for the time and expense involved. The eldest is a graduate of the Collegiate Institute in Hackettstown, N. J.; the second, of the Woman's College, in Baltimore, while the third is a senior in Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

**ABRAHAM W. ENGLE**, an old and highly respected farmer, at present living in retirement, was born Aug. 28, 1835, in Conoy township, on the farm where he now resides, a son of the Rev. Jacob S. and Barbara (Wolgemuth) Engle.

The father, who was born on an adjoining farm, was married in 1833, and came to the present homestead in 1834. For many years he was a preacher of the River Brethren Church, having served for forty-nine years in a clerical capacity; he also taught school. From 1870 until his death, Feb. 13, 1894, he lived retired. At his demise he was eighty-five years and three months old; his widow survived him for a time, dying Dec. 18, 1900, at the age of eighty-eight years and eleven months. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and were interred in the East Donegal cemetery. To them

were born the following children: Abraham W. born Aug. 28, 1835; Fanny W., Jan. 16, 1837, who died young; Daniel W., Nov. 2, 1839, who died young; Barbara W., Oct. 7, 1841; Jacob W., Feb. 5, 1844; David W., Aug. 8, 1846, who married, first Fanny Nissley, and second, Maria Sallenberg, and died June 28, 1890; Anna W., Jan. 15, 1847, who married Amos B. Musser, the treasurer and trustee of the Messiah House, at Harrisburg. The paternal grandparents of A. W. Engle were Jacob and Martha (Strickley) Engle, farming people of Lancaster county. His maternal grandparents were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, also farming people of this county.

Abraham W. Engle and Fanny Hoffman were married in Lancaster Nov. 12, 1863, and to their union were born the following children: Irwin H., born Feb. 18, 1865, died Oct. 17, 1896, aged thirty-one years, who married Amanda Staufflin, and had one daughter, Lizzie S.; Martin H., born Jan. 21, 1867, died Feb. 20, 1867; Hiram H., born July 24, 1868, who married Emma Herr and is farming at the old homestead; Anna, born Jan. 23, 1870, who married E. Hershey, of East Donegal township, and has three children, Engle, Harry and Abraham.

Mrs. Fanny (Hoffman) Engle was born in East Donegal township, July 31, 1843, is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Snyder) Hoffman, both native to Lancaster county, and is a lady of many genial and admirable traits. Her father died April 10, 1873, on the old family homestead in East Donegal township, which he had spent his life cultivating. The mother died in Conoy township, Dec. 24, 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years, and was buried in Boslers Meeting House cemetery in West Donegal township, where her husband had been interred years before. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and had the following children: Eli, who married Fanny Linderemuth, and is a retired farmer in Dickinson county, Kan.; Mary, who died young; Christian, who lives in Kansas and married Lizzie Garber; Fanny; Anna, the wife of John Forney, who is in the creamery business in Abilene, Kan.; Lizzie; Martha, the wife of John Shank, a farmer of Conoy township; Henry, who married Lizzie Nissley, who is dead. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Engle were John and Fanny (Engle) Hoffman, farmer-folk of Lancaster county, as were her maternal grandparents, Henry and Mary (Witmer) Snyder.

Abraham W. Engle remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he went into Dauphin county and spent six years in farming. After the end of that period he came back to Conoy township, and settled on his present homestead, where he has since remained and where he has achieved a decided success as a farmer and as a business man, being widely known for his sterling manhood and unswerving honesty. The farm on which he is located has been in the





single family for more than a hundred years. Mr. Single is a Republican, and is a worthy representative of one of the good old families of Lancaster county.

**AMOS HUBER.** Not only is Lancaster county the home of some of the best farmers in the State, but it also can claim a number of successful horticulturists, who have demonstrated that some of the finest peaches and melons placed on the market can be profitably grown in this part of the State. Among those whose success has made them prominent is Amos Huber, who has become known through horticultural circles for his successful methods of cultivating fruits of all kinds, and for especially fine specimens of peaches and melons.

Amos Huber can claim an ancestry that reaches back many years, when it originated in Switzerland, from which country came his great-grandfather, who located in Lancaster county, near Marticville. Peter Huber, the father of Amos Huber, was born and reared in the southern part of this county and spent the greater part of his life in Martic and Little Britain townships, but about thirteen years previous to his death, he removed to East Lampeter township, where he died Aug. 11, 1855, at the age of fifty-nine years and ten months. His principal occupation was farming, although as he grew older, he often occupied himself in working for others when his services were needed.

Peter Huber was married to Susan Huber, of Lampeter township, a daughter of Henry Huber, and to them was born a family of eight children: Fannie, now deceased, the wife of Henry Hartman, of Lancaster county; Martha, the widow of John Ressler, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased, wife of Frederick Seidoff, of Lancaster county; Susannah, who is the wife of Abraham Lautz, of Lexington, Richland county, Ohio; Annie, of Strasburg township; Amos; Leah, deceased wife of Joseph Nissley, who lives near Hagerstown, Md.; and Lizzie, unmarried, who lives with her brother.

Amos Huber was born in Little Britain township, this county, Feb. 28, 1841, and was but one year old when his parents removed to West Lampeter township, and there he remained until he had attained his legal majority. His education was received in the public schools, but he had only reached the age of fourteen, when his father died, and he was compelled to take up the battle of life for himself. For a lad of but fourteen that is a serious matter, and thus Amos found it, but he was an honest, industrious boy, and soon obtained employment on the neighboring farms by the year. After he was seventeen he found it more advantageous to work by the day and continued thus, until in his twenty-first year he decided to learn the millwright trade; as that did not quite suit him, he finally changed to the carpenter trade, entering the shop of Benjamin Bachman, in Willowstreet, and serving his apprenticeship there.

As a good workman, Mr. Huber found employment for a time, but when his uncle, David Huber, offered him employment with him in tobacco raising and trucking, in Willowstreet, he accepted and filled out several busy years in this way. However, in 1875, he removed to his own property, which he had purchased in Strasburg township, one and one-half miles south of the borough; the original tract contained twenty-two and one-half acres, to which he has added two and one-half more, and, with six acres devoted entirely to fruit, he raises early vegetables on the remainder and engages in trucking. Mr. Huber has had very encouraging success and may well feel gratified, for he has earned all he possesses by his own industry and economy.

Amos Huber was married Sept. 27, 1865, to Miss Susan Deets, a daughter of John and Annie (Pickle) Deets, of Lancaster county, both parents deceased. Mrs. Huber was born in East Lampeter township, Sept. 18, 1843, and she has become the beloved mother of eight children: Hettie, born Dec. 20, 1867, the wife of E. W. Harsh, of Strasburg township; Franklin, born May 4, 1871, who married Miss Kate Mowrer, lives near Providence, and has two children, Mary and Myrtle; Henry, born Aug. 23, 1873, who married Miss Annie Givin, resides in Paradise township, and has one son, Clarence; Elam, born Dec. 20, 1875, who married Miss Mary Buckwalter; Annie and Mary, twins born Dec. 28, 1878, Annie married to Enos Herr, and Mary residing at home; Amos, born Jan. 8, 1881, who died April 8, 1897; and an infant son, who passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and he is connected with the Republican party. The family is one which is highly esteemed in the community.

**ROLAND S. BRUBAKER,** a meat merchant and the proprietor of a slaughter house in New Holland, was born in that borough Feb. 10, 1838, and is a son of Isaac R. and Ann (Hoover) Brubaker, both residents of New Holland. The father was a butcher, and in his later years a farmer, while for two terms he filled the office of assessor. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy, and the mother passed to her rest at the age of sixty; they were both buried in the cemetery at Groffdale. They were members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born: Isaac H., the proprietor of the "Bird-in-Hand Hotel"; David, who died in 1871; Roland S.; Hester A., married to Abraham Doner, of Lancaster; Saloma, who died in 1898, the wife of Rev. David Hostetter, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Jonathan, who is dead; Catherine, who married Phares Buckwalter, of Lancaster, a teacher; Lydia, married to Daniel Eby, a farmer of East Earl township; Mary, married to Adam Diller, a contractor in Lancaster; Rachel, who married Isaac Groff, a farmer in East Lampeter township. The paternal grandparents of Roland S. Brubaker were Isaac and Saloma (Roland) Brubaker, of Lancaster coun-





ty; they were of Swiss stock, and descendants of Johann Brubaker, who came to this country in 1709. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Brubaker were David and Hettie (Hartman) Hoover. They were farming people of Lancaster county.

Mr. Brubaker was married Jan. 1, 1861, to Margaret A. Smoker, by whom he had the following children: Cera, who married James E. S. Paxton, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has her home at Honey Brook, and has had two children; Annie, who married Dr. Daniel W. Marshall, a druggist of Reading; Harriet, who married Dr. W. N. Klemmer, a physician in Germania, Pa., and has one child; Gertrude, who married Charles M. Diller, a merchant of New Holland, and has had two children, one deceased.

Mrs. Brubaker was born in Earl township, Dec. 25, 1840, a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Ditlow) Smoker. Her father died May 6, 1862, at the age of seventy-one, and his widow passed to her rest in June, 1871. Both were buried in the New Holland cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church, where he was a vestryman many years, and was instrumental in building the elegant structure in New Holland. In his younger days he did a business in speculating, and carried on a hotel. To him and his wife were born: Ditlow, who died in St. Louis; John, Isaac and one other child, who all died in infancy; Eveline, who died unmarried at the age of seventy; Abraham G., deceased; Anna, who married Levi Kinzer; Amanda B., who married first Dr. Daniel Henderson, and second, Jacob Mentzer; Louisa, who married Levi Watts; Amos married to Catharine Carpenter; Elizabeth, married to Henderson Wallace; George M., who married Fannie Vandersals; and Margaret A.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brubaker were Isaac and Nancy Smoker, both residents of Lancaster county, and farming people.

Roland S. Brubaker lived with his parents until he was ten years of age, when he went to Lancaster to attend school for three years. There he remained until he was fifteen, when he was taken into the store of Moses Eby, at Intercourse, and held that position for three years. At the end of that period of clerking he went into the store of Diller & Brubaker, at New Holland, where he was retained for three years. At the end of this time he bought out Mr. Philip R. Brubaker, and with E. C. and Amos Diller operated the store for ten years. At that time Mr. Amos Diller retired in favor of his son, William G. Diller, and for four years the firm was Diller, Brubaker & Diller. At the end of this time Mr. Brubaker disposed of his holdings, and was retired for a year and a half, engaging in settling up affairs.

His next business enterprise was in the butcher business with John Meyers, with whom he continued until the death of the latter in 1900. Since the death of Mr. Meyers, Mr. Brubaker has carried on the business alone.

Mr. Brubaker was president of the town council

for the first three years after the incorporation of the borough. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder for twenty years, and Sunday-school superintendent for forty years. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM YEAGER HALDY, proprietor of the extensive granite and marble works on North Queen street, Lancaster, is a worthy member of a family than whom none is better known or more highly respected in the city or county.

Lewis Haldy, father of William Y., was born Feb. 17, 1825, at Herbezeim, Lorraine, at that time a province of France, now a part of the German empire. In September, 1832, his widowed mother, with her son, three daughters and a sister, set sail in the ship "Pennsylvania," from Havre, France, for Philadelphia, and on Sunday morning, Dec. 2, 1832, the vessel grounded on a sand bar off Cape Hatteras, on the coast of North Carolina. After a day and a night of great suspense—for the vessel threatened every moment to go to pieces—passengers and crew were rescued by a passing vessel and taken to Charleston, S. C., where the unfortunates were cared for most kindly. Everything they possessed was lost in the wreck, but the good people of the city provided them with all necessities, and looked after their personal comfort. After three weeks' time the Haldy family were placed aboard a vessel bound for Philadelphia, but were fated to not reach their destination without further trials, for while in the Delaware river the ship they were on became frozen fast in the ice for six days. At last the "Quaker City" was reached, and a week later the emigrants were taken to Cecil county, Md., by Henry Horstman, a brother of Mrs. Haldy. There Lewis remained until 1841, early in that year coming to Lancaster county, and locating in Strasburg, where he commenced to learn the tinner's trade. Not liking that line of business, however, he, in April of the same year, removed to Lancaster City, and apprenticed himself to Daniel Fagan, a marble mason, who had his works on North Queen street. After learning the trade he went to Reading to work, but not long afterward he returned to Lancaster, and for some time was employed by the Moderwells, who operated a freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia. In 1840 he went into business for himself, on West Chestnut street, in the granite and marble industry, finally removing to North Queen street, and in 1884 he admitted his son, William Y., into partnership. For nine months during the Civil war he served in the 50th P. V. I., as quartermaster, and in 1864 he went out with the emergency men in the ninety-days campaign.

On Nov. 15, 1846, Lewis Haldy married Miss Mary Sabina Yeager, daughter of the late Frederick Yeager, and in 1866 this honored couple celebrated their golden wedding. Three children were born to them: Walter A., who was cashier of the Lancaster





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County National Bank, and who died Dec. 1, 1801; William Y., of whom further mention will presently be made; and Miss Mary W., at home. The father was called from earth April 12, 1809; the mother is yet living in Lancaster, enjoying the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friends and relatives, and beloved by her children.

Lewis Haldy in religious connection was a prominent member of the First M. E. Church, and in fraternal relationships was affiliated with Lancaster Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., also with Washington Encampment, No. 11, and for many years he was a member of the Tucquan Club. In the days of the old volunteer fire department of Lancaster he belonged to Friendship Fire Company, and at one time was its vice president. For many years he was a director of the Lancaster County National Bank, and in every walk of life he was a good citizen, always ready in his years of health and strength to take part in any movement for the good of the city in which he passed over half a century of his life. Probably the most noble and distinguishing characteristics of Mr. Haldy were his Christian benevolence and practical patriotism, and during the years of his active life in Lancaster there was seldom a movement in the interest of religion or charity in which he was not an active and influential factor. Not a little of the noblest work of his life was done as the coadjuter of the Patriotic Daughters, of which society he was in many ways the main reliance, in their self-sacrificing efforts to aid and comfort the volunteer soldiers during the Civil war.

William Yeager Haldy, second son of Lewis, was born March 11, 1854, in Lancaster, in the old brick dwelling which is now the North Queen street front of Haldy's Marble Works. At the public schools of his native city he received his education, and was graduated from Lancaster high school July 1, 1870. Just seventeen days thereafter, he entered the employ of his father as an apprentice to the granite and marble cutting trade, serving four years and eight months. On April 1, 1884, he was received into partnership by his father, the firm name becoming Lewis Haldy & Son, and during the last ten years of his father's life the son was practically in control of the business. Since the death of the former the latter has carried on the concern under his own name.

In 1877 William Y. Haldy married Miss Ada F. Zook, daughter of Noah Zook, who with his brother, Abraham, was murdered, in 1866, at Vicksburg, Miss., whither they had gone to engage in the cotton trade. The body of Abraham Zook was found, but that of his brother, the father of Mrs. Haldy, never came to light. They were brothers of J. Gust Zook, the prominent leaf-tobacco dealer, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Haldy children were born as follows: Marv S., a graduate of the Lancaster high school; Abbie F., who attended the Girls' high school, Lancaster, class of

1902; and Harry R. and Fred Zook, both of whom entered the Lancaster high school in September, 1901. The entire family are adherents of the First M. E. Church, of Lancaster.

Socially Mr. Haldy is one of the most popular citizens of Lancaster, progressive and loyal. He belongs to Washington Encampment, No. 11, I. O. O. F. A thorough business man, and expert in his particular line, it is not a matter of surprise that the business established by the father, large as it was, should have grown to its present mammoth proportions under the management of the son on whom the mantle fell.

ROBERT S. KNOX, a prominent citizen and general farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa., who owns a farm of forty-five acres near Letort, was born in Lycoming county, Sept. 27, 1845, and is a son of John H. and Ann E. (Moran) Knox of Irish descent.

John Knox, grandfather of Robert S., was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, but at the age of twelve years he went to Scotland, and soon afterward came to the United States, finding a home at Larry's Creek, Lycoming county, Pa., where he grew to manhood, engaged in farming; he also operated both grist and saw-mills, and was altogether a successful business man. A bitter opponent of slavery as it then existed at the South, he was an active worker on the underground railroad, and his home was a safe harbor for many a dusky fugitive. To his marriage with Catherine Stewart, a native of Lycoming county, but of Irish extraction, were born four children, viz: Charles, who drifted to some point in Illinois; Robert, a civil engineer and school teacher, who settled in Kansas; John H.; and Jane, who was married to Hughes Russell, an extensive farmer and miller of Lycoming county. The parents and children are all now deceased. They were all members of the M. E. Church.

John H. Knox was born April 15, 1815, was educated at Carlisle University, was a farmer, and also erected and conducted a cement mill. For years he was an active Republican; when the Civil war broke out he raised a company of infantry at his personal expense in April, 1861, was elected its captain, and was assigned as Co. D, to the 11th P. V. I., for three years' service. This regiment had its first experience at the front under Gen. Burnside, but early in the campaign Capt. Knox was seized with camp fever, and returned home, and died Feb. 28, 1862.

To the union of John H. Knox and Ann E. Moran, daughter of John and Mary (Penny) Moran, were born four children, viz: Catherine S., wife of Henry Kehler, of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; John M., a wholesale commission merchant, of Hazleton, Luzerne county; Robert S.; and James R., an expert machinist of Richmond, Virginia.

Robert S. Knox was reared in his native county



and attended the public schools of Jersey Shore until seventeen years old, and then enlisted June 27, 1863, in the 17th Pennsylvania State militia for ninety days and was mustered in as corporal. In June, 1864, Corporal Knox enlisted in Co. F, 193th P. V. I., served in Maryland and West Virginia, and was honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1864.

At the conclusion of his military career, Robert S. Knox went to Jeddo, Luzerne county, entered the mercantile establishment of G. B. Markle as clerk, and was also associated with the Lehigh Railroad Company as shipping clerk for twelve years; he then came to Lancaster county on a visit, but once here decided to remain. His first marriage took place in this county Jan. 30, 1879, to Annie M., daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Hostetter) Hershey, and the newly married couple at once settled on the present farm of forty-five acres, which they converted into a most desirable home. Mrs. Annie M. Knox, however, passed away Jan. 6, 1888, without issue, and May 30, 1892, Mr. Knox married Miss Annie Garretson, who was born in Flora Dale, Adams Co., Pa., and is a daughter of Joel and Anna (Cookson) Garretson. This union was blessed with four children: John M., born March 26, 1894; Robert C., born Nov. 7, 1897; James Stewart, born July 17, 1900; and Henry Kehler, born Sept. 10, 1901, who died Nov. 18, 1901.

Robert S. Knox is a most public-spirited gentleman and has taken a great interest in the welfare of the community since residing in Manor township; he has been on the school board for nine years, now serving his fourth term as a Republican member, and is a member of Gen. Welch Post, No. 118, G. A. R.

**PETER H. SAUDER.** Among the prominent citizens and worthy representatives of an old and honored county family of East Earl township, is Peter Sauder, who resides on the old farm first purchased by his grandfather, Henry Sauder, supposed to have come hither from his native Switzerland. His life was a pastoral one, his acres being many and his herds large. His death occurred in this locality about 1822 or 1824.

Peter Sauder, son of Peter and father of Peter (3), was born in 1801, and died in 1864. His home through life was on the fine old farm located within one mile of the village of Goodville, where he followed agricultural pursuits, added to his acreage, made improvements and reared a large family to become highly respected and useful citizens of this vicinity. He married Esther Hoffman, who was a daughter of George Hoffman, her death occurring at the age of fifty-seven years. Seven of their children grew to maturity: Henry, who is a resident of East Earl township, a retired farmer; Elizabeth, the wife of David Newswenger, of Caernarvon township; Esther, deceased wife of Levi Weaver; George, deceased, a farmer of East Earl township; Peter H.; Susannah, the wife of Emanuel News-

wenger, of Caernarvon township; and Mary, the wife of Abraham M. Brubaker, of East Earl township. Both parents were consistent and worthy members of the Mennonite Church, and exemplified in their lives the simplicity and uprightness of their religious belief.

Peter H. Sauder, our subject proper, was born March 24, 1832, and grew from boyhood to youth and manhood with his interests always centering in agricultural pursuits. The old farm has been his home and he owns 100 acres of the land, the old estate having been divided into two farms of some 140 acres each. Mr. Sauder is one of the most progressive men in the locality as he has also been one of the most successful. His interest has always been shown in educational matters and he has been a leading and influential member of the school board in his township.

The first marriage of Mr. Sauder was in 1861, to Miss Annie Wanner, a daughter of Daniel Wanner, of East Earl township; her death occurred in 1874. Eight children were born to this union: Maria, the wife of David Martin, of East Earl township; Alice, the wife of Henry Newswenger, of Salisbury township; Annie, the wife of John Shetzley, of East Earl township; Moses, of East Earl township; Susannah, the widow of Eli Martin, of East Earl township; Emma, unmarried; Barton W., who married Hittie Martin, and farms the old homestead; and Margaret, the wife of Morris Banshman, of East Lampeter township.

For his second wife Mr. Sauder married in September, 1875, Barbara Hurst, a daughter of David and Leah (Musser) Hurst, a native of Ephrata township, and a most estimable lady and devoted wife and mother. The two daughters born to this marriage are Barbara and Leah, both at home. The family is one of the old and honored ones of the county and has long been prominent in the Mennonite Church.

**AMOS GILBERT,** mayor of Quarryville, was born July 7, 1858, in Eden township. His parents were J. Harding and Hannah H. (Whitson) Gilbert, of Lancaster county, where both were born. Mr. Gilbert in 1824 and Mrs. Gilbert in 1828.

The father was reared in Lancaster county, and after arriving at maturity conducted a tannery for many years in Eden township. In 1858 he purchased a farm, which he conducted in connection with his tannery business. He was elected a justice of the peace in his township, and held that office for over thirty years, and to within a few years of the time of his death, in 1893. His aged and worthy wife still resides on the homestead. Of a family of seven children, five are living, as follows: May, born in Lancaster county, who is the wife of Albion Walter, a farmer of Bart township, and has one daughter, Emma; Edward M., a leading lawyer of Lancaster City; Hugh W., born in Lancaster county, a leading business man and postmaster of his





borough, who married and has a family of five children; Joseph H., born in Lancaster county, who is unmarried and is engaged in the laundry business in Oxford, Chester county, Pa. Two of the children, George and John, died when young.

Amos Gilbert was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the schools of the district. In 1886 he married Miss Hannah Dickinson, a young lady born and raised in Lancaster county. She was the daughter of James and Ruth Dickinson, a leading Quaker family of the county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert moved to Quarryville, where he purchased a creamery which he still successfully conducts. Mrs. Gilbert died in 1893, leaving her husband and three sons, E. Dickinson, J. Roland and James D., to mourn her loss.

Mr. Gilbert has always been identified with the Republicans in politics, and is prominent in that party. In 1889 he was elected mayor of his borough, and he still holds that position. When the borough was first organized he was elected a school director, and held that office for seven years. In 1902 he was elected a delegate to the State convention. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Washington Lodge, No. 156, of Quarryville.

In 1897 Mr. Gilbert was married to his present wife, who was Miss Olive Graybill, of Duncannon, and a lady of fine mental and social qualities. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Gilbert takes a prominent part in the social, business and political circles of his vicinity, and is well and favorably known throughout the county. His family is one of the pioneer Quaker families of this part of Pennsylvania. His father, J. Harding Gilbert, is especially well remembered by the older members of the community, as an honest and an upright citizen, and the same may well be said of his son, for no man has ever charged him with any unfair transaction or treatment of a fellow-citizen. He is very popular and possesses the friendship and esteem of the entire community.

**SYLVESTER FRYBARGER.** This native-born citizen of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, veteran of the Civil war and general farmer, was born Dec. 14, 1841, a son of George and Lydia A. (Sterlinger) Frybarger, natives respectively of Germany and Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

George Frybarger was but two years of age when he was brought to America by his father, John G. Frybarger, in 1804, and put in charge of John Kurtz to be reared. George Frybarger, who was born in 1802, was a school teacher in his earlier years and later a farmer, and died March 19, 1873; his wife, who was born in 1804, died Oct. 17, 1872, the remains of both being buried in Asbury church cemetery. To their marriage were born six children, namely: William L., deceased; Catherine, widow of Martin Dein and still living on the old home place in Salisbury township; Lydia A., deceased wife of Levi Bowers; Mary, deceased; Syl-

vester; and George, a carpenter at Kansas City, Missouri.

Sylvester Frybarger lived on the home farm with his parents until his marriage, when he went to housekeeping in another dwelling on the same land from September until April, and then in another dwelling elsewhere in the township, meanwhile working out for the neighboring farmers until his enlistment. His marriage took place June 2, 1862, in Salisbury township, to Miss Sabina Fellenbaum, who has borne him twelve children, namely: Elmer E., of East Earl township, and married to Catherine Marshall, who is now the mother of eight children; Laura, who was married to Isaac Means, had four children, and is now deceased; Matilda J., wife of John Lowery, a produce merchant of East Earl township, to whom she has borne three children; John H., residing in Nankin, Ohio; Anna M., and Mary E., who died in infancy; George M., and S. Clayton, still at home; Walter H., a farmer in Salisbury township and married to Mabel Palmer, who has two children; Emma, wife of John Spots, and the mother of three children; Lydia S., who died young; and Hannah M., still residing with her parents.

Mrs. Sabina (Fellenbaum) Frybarger was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, March 1, 1843, and is a daughter of Edwin and Hannah J. (Clark) Fellenbaum, of Salisbury township, the former of whom died May 6, 1865, when forty-six years old, and the latter, Dec. 14, 1865, at the age of forty-five; they were buried in Rauck's church cemetery. Their children, ten in number, were born and named in the following order: Edwin, a laborer in the Middletown pipe mill, Middletown, Pa.; Sabina, now Mrs. Sylvester Frybarger; George, a farmer in Ashland county, Ohio; Susan, wife of Isaac Palmer; Thomas, a farmer in East Earl township; John, in Missouri; William, deceased; Amos, in Ohio; Sarah J., wife of Benjamin Roland, in Ashland county, Ohio; and Margaret, now Mrs. Roland, of Elkhart, Indiana.

In the spring of 1863, unable longer to brook the outrageous contumely of the Rebels at the South, Mr. Frybarger responded to the call for ninety-day volunteers, enlisted, and was stationed at Hagers-town, Md., and while there received word that he had been drafted in Salisbury township and had been assigned to Co. C, 83d P. V. I. He took part in his first engagement three weeks after leaving home, was on picket duty for some time, was all through the Rappahannock Valley campaign, was at Cold Harbor and in front of Petersburg, Va., and in fact in all the marches, skirmishes, sieges and engagements in which his regiment took part, without receiving even a wound, until honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 3, 1865, when he returned to his home, and the day after his arrival cradled, tied and shocked two acres of grain.

Mr. Frybarger continued to work out for the neighboring farmers until 1866, when he purchased



his present farm, to which he has since devoted his entire attention, and which is now as fine a farm of its dimensions as there is to be found in Salisbury township.

In 1875 Mr. Frybarger met with a serious accident, being thrown from his horse and breaking his right leg, which necessitated amputation above the knee, but otherwise he has enjoyed excellent health and is remarkably active considering the loss of his limb.

Mr. and Mrs. Frybarger are consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Frybarger is a staunch Republican. He has always led an industrious life and is deservedly worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens of Salisbury township.

**JACOB MELLINGER.** Among the early settlers of Lancaster county, whose descendants still bear the old name with honor, respected by their fellow-citizens, were the ancestors of the Mellinger family, who with courage and enterprise did much to develop the natural resources of this part of the great State of Pennsylvania.

To go no farther back into ancestral history than the father of Jacob Mellinger, we reach across a long space of years, as John Mellinger was born on Oct. 19, 1790, and lived until Sept. 12, 1835. His wife was born in Manor township, May 2, 1799, and died in Strasburg township, March 16, 1871. These parents reared a family of nine children: Christian, born Oct. 20, 1816, who lived in Leacock township at the time of his death; John B., born Sept. 19, 1818, in Strasburg township, who died there Nov. 19, 1845, a farmer; Benjamin, born Oct. 12, 1820, who lived on the old homestead with his brother Jacob, and died there Nov. 16, 1833; Elizabeth, born May 12, 1823, who married Abram Denlinger, of Millersville, and died at the age of seventy-five; Jacob; Abraham, born July 6, 1829, who died Nov. 16, 1833; Ann, born June 30, 1833, who died about 1897, the wife of John E. Hershey, of Paradise township; Mary, born June 26, 1836, married to Bishop Isaac Eby, of Kinzers, Lancaster county; and Susanna, born Feb. 5, 1839, who died unmarried.

Both John Mellinger and his wife were leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, where they were respected and beloved for their many traits of true Christian character. When John Mellinger began farming operations for himself, he located in Strasburg township, purchased a farm of 102 acres, situated some two miles north of Strasburg and there he spent his days and reared his large family in peace and comfort. A lover of law and order, he instilled such principles into his children, and through life he was one of the best of citizens, ever respecting the rights of others, and leaving behind him a large circle of warm friends.

Jacob Mellinger was born June 27, 1826, on the farm where he still lives, a son of John and Annie

(Hertzler) Mellinger, and was reared on this farm and was sent to the public schools. Not until his thirtieth year did he decide to set up a domestic hearth, being united in marriage Jan. 15, 1856, to Elizabeth Hershey, a daughter of Rev. Jacob Hershey, of Paradise township, who was born March 8, 1831. Seven children have been born of this union: Margaret, born Oct. 22, 1856, the widow of Isaac Lefever, of Paradise township; John H., born Dec. 7, 1858, who married Barbara Denlinger, and has seven children, Benjamin, John, Jacob, Enos, Jesse, Annie and Martin; Ezra H., born Feb. 3, 1861, who conducts a dairy and milk depot, in connection with his father's farm, married to Mary K. Andrew, with two children, Annie and Clarence; Anna, born July 4, 1864, married to Ezra L. Buck-waiter, who is now a farmer of Marion county, Mo.; Jacob H., born Nov. 27, 1866, a farmer, residing at the old home; Mary E., who was born April 10, 1870, and died Dec. 3, of the same year; and Frances, born Sept. 25, 1871, who married Isaac H. Rohrer, a farmer of Paradise township.

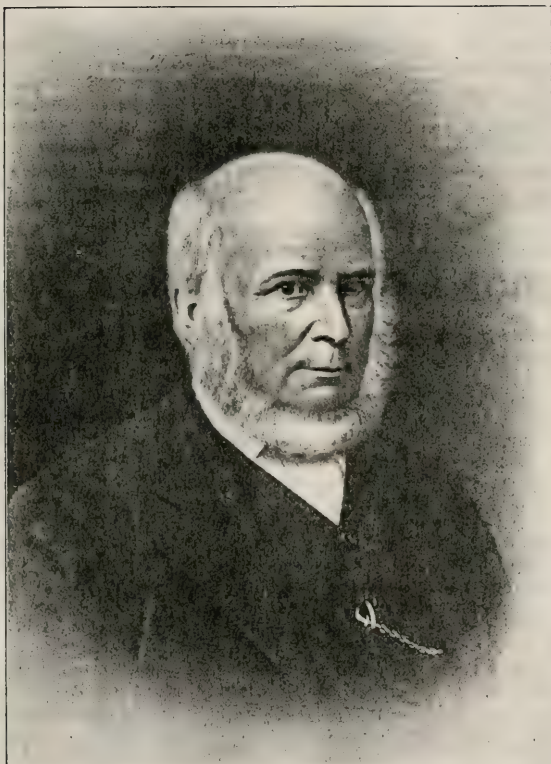
Since 1889, Mr. Mellinger has lived retired from active life, leaving stronger and younger hands to carry on the duties of the farm. Having reared his family in the tenets of the Old Mennonite faith, it gives him great comfort to find them adhering to it as they reach maturity. His son Jacob is associated with the Welsh Industrial Mission as secretary and assistant superintendent, and he purposes eventually to give himself entirely to this work.

**ISAAC DILLER.** For many years Lancaster had no more prominent or useful citizen than Isaac Diller, who passed out of life in that city Nov. 28, 1892, and was laid to rest in Woodward Hill cemetery. He was born in Lancaster Feb. 5, 1823, and was a direct descendant of Casper Diller, a French Huguenot, and the progenitor of the family in Lancaster county. There are documents in the possession of the family dating back to Michael Diller (1543), who was a court preacher and also a distinguished literary man, some of his works being still extant. Casper Diller came to America with his wife, Barbara, whom he had married in England, and their three children, and in 1738 settled in the locality of New Holland, on Mill creek, in Lancaster county, Pa., where he engaged in agriculture, becoming a very successful man. Many members of the family have been prominently identified with the medical and legal professions, and the ministry; some gained distinction in the Revolutionary war and in subsequent struggles for the rights of American citizens in the United States. Casper Diller had three sons—Philip Adam, H. Martin and Casper, Jr.—and seven daughters.

Philip Adam Diller, son of Casper, was born near Heidelberg, Germany, and came to Lancaster with his parents. He married Magdalena, daughter of Leonard Ellmker, who came from Germany and settled in Earl township, this county, in 1726. One







*Isaac Diller*



of their children was Leonard, the grandfather of Isaac.

Leonard Diller served in the Revolutionary war. He married Magdalene Hinkle, daughter of Rev. Paul Hinkle, and left five children, George, Adam, Jeremiah, Elizabeth and Mary. Gen. Adam Diller, the second son, was for two terms, beginning in 1835, adjutant general of Pennsylvania—the second highest officer in the State at that time. During the Mexican war he raised a company for the Government service and was out for a short time. He was a bold and courageous man, and a fine horseman. Dillerville, Lancaster county, was built on his land.

George Diller, son of Leonard, and father of Isaac, resided in Lancaster, where he was in business during the greater part of his life. He married Lydia Souder, and had eight children: William; Jacob W.; George; Samuel; Isaac; Catharine, who married John Reilly, and left two sons, Edward and John; Sarah, who married W. Fisher, of Chambersburg; and Mary Ann, who became Mr. Fisher's second wife. The second son, Dr. Jacob W. Diller, was the beloved rector of St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y., for nearly forty years; he met a tragic death on board the ill-fated steamship "Seawanaika."

Isaac Diller was reared at Lancaster, and started out in life as a boy in the mercantile business. His first employment was as clerk in a grocery store, and from 1836 to 1843 he was a clerk in the dry-goods store of George Fahnestock. He spent five years in the store of John M. Lane, and gained a reputation for integrity, besides acquiring valuable knowledge of the business. In 1848 he entered the Steinman hardware store, as bookkeeper, and afterward became a valuable salesman. From 1860 to 1872 he was a partner in the firm, which was known as George M. Steinman & Co. In the last named year he retired from the firm, but continued his business relations therewith until 1877, when he purchased the large hardware establishment on East King street, and successfully conducted business there until his death, assisted by his sons. He was a vestryman of St. James Episcopal Church until, in 1853, he helped to organize St. John's Free Church, of which he was a charter member. He was chairman of the building committee, and senior warden from 1854, until his death. He always manifested a deep interest in the affairs of the church. In the renovation of the property, in 1871, he assumed three-fifths of the expense incurred, besides the sum subscribed, and, as the records show, made "a generous donation of the lot adjoining." Fraternally he was a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M. While he was a Democrat in politics, he was never an active politician, performing only the duties of good citizenship.

On June 6, 1840, Mr. Diller was united in marriage to Anna M. Frey, who was born in the city of Lancaster, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Haverstick) Frey, the former of whom was a wholesale and

retail dealer and general merchant in Lancaster; he died in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Maria (Haverstick) Frey died in 1876, aged eighty years. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and both were interred in Lancaster cemetery. Their children were as follows: Catherine married Jacob King, and died in 1902; William died in 1901, in New Jersey; Anna M. is the widow of Isaac Diller; Jacob L. is a leaf tobacco merchant in Lancaster; Maria L. (deceased), was the wife of John B. Markley; Amanda, who is a resident of Lancaster, first married Harry Zink, and, for her second husband, Jacob Roth, who is also deceased; Emma (deceased), was the wife of John D. Skiles, of Lancaster; James B. (deceased), was a prominent merchant in Lancaster; and Adeline (deceased), was the wife of Dr. F. A. Gast, of Franklin and Marshall College. The paternal grandparents were Jacob (Sr.) and Catherine (Brisler) Frey, of Lancaster, the former of whom was a very well-known merchant, and manager of a transportation line between Pittsburg and Philadelphia before the building of the railroads, and was also interested in the operations of iron furnaces in Lancaster county. He was one of the reception committee of five to receive and entertain George Washington when he paid his only recorded visit to Lancaster, on July 4, 1789. Both Jacob Frey, Sr., and his wife died in Lancaster. They had a family of twelve children of whom four were named Jacob, three of these dying in infancy, and the father of Mrs. Diller being the youngest.

On the maternal side also Mrs. Diller is connected with old and honorable families. Her maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Deshler) Haverstick, the former a native of Lancaster county and the latter of Philadelphia. William Haverstick was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. In early manhood he studied medicine under the celebrated Dr. Rush, but later embarked in the jewelry business in Philadelphia and in Lancaster, settling again in Philadelphia, where he died in 1780. He was a son of Col. Michael Haverstick, who came from Germany to the United States in 1735, and whose title was obtained by service as an officer in the Revolutionary army; he is recorded as having been a good and reliable soldier, and at one time had entire charge of the wagon trains under Gen. Washington.

Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Diller as follows: Jacob died in infancy; Miss Lydia is at home; Rev. Alonzo P., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, and of the General Theological Seminary, New York, and afterward ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church, married Marian Morrell, and he and his wife and child perished in the terrible Johnstown (Pa.) flood, in which city he was the beloved rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church; George S. died in infancy; William F., who is a coal and slate merchant in Lancaster, married Lida Schofield, and they have three children, Mary B., Alonzo P. and William F., Jr.; Charles F.





is a resident of Lancaster city; Isaac died at the age of three years; Samuel B., who died June 4, 1902, had one son, Robert D.; Anna M. is the wife of Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck, who is a professor of the great Stanford University, of California, and they have had two sons, Arthur and Edwin (the latter deceased), and one daughter, Anna M.

Mrs. Diller and family are members of the Episcopal Church, and they are factors in the intellectual and social life of Lancaster. Miss Lydia Diller is a Daughter of the Revolution and prominent in that connection, but is probably better known as a manager and secretary of the Witmer Home for Old Ladies, located in Lancaster. Mrs. Diller is much esteemed, and hers is one of the refined and intellectual homes for which this beautiful city is noted. She enjoys her library, and keeps fully abreast of the times in current literature, being favored with as good eyesight as in her youth.

**HARRY B. SLACK**, justice of the peace at Intercourse, Lancaster county, who has made for himself more than a local name as a wide-awake and public-spirited citizen, was born March 13, 1851, in the township where he still lives, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brower) Slack. His father was born in Chester county and his mother in Lancaster county.

Joseph Slack came into Lancaster county in company with his parents when a child, and was reared in Leacock township, where he followed farming for a time, retiring from that occupation some thirty years prior to his death. For many years he lived retired in the enjoyment of the competence his industry and economy had accumulated. A man of public affairs, he was school director for thirty years, and tax collector ten years and was intimately associated with local interests in many ways. He died December 29, 1900, when eighty-six years old, and his wife passed to her reward Oct. 29, 1891, at the age of seventy-six. Both were buried in the cemetery of Christ Episcopal Church in Leacock township, of which they were members. Joseph and Elizabeth Slack had six children: Anna L., the widow of Samuel Snyder, living in Leacock township; Esther R., married to John High, who is at present street commissioner at Christiana, Pa.; Christie E., who married William Hoar, farmer of Salisbury township; J. Milton, who married Josephine Nelson, and died at the age of thirty-three years; Harry B.; Susannah B., who is unmarried, and makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Snyder. The parents of Joseph Slack were John and Ann (Smith) Slack, of Chester county, Pa., the former of whom was a blacksmith. In 1816 he removed his home to Lancaster county, where he lived and died. Henry Brower was the father of Mrs. Joseph Slack.

Harry B. Slack was married April 12, 1876, in Chester, Pa., to Kate E. Raineer, and they have had four children: Joseph B., who married Susan Le-

fever, and lives in Pittsburg, Pa.; Charles M., a school teacher, who is at home, as are also K. Bessie and Harry B. Mrs. Kate E. (Raineer) Slack was born in 1856 in Philadelphia, daughter of Charles H. and Kate (Everts) Raineer, of that city. They removed to Chester, where the father was engaged in the coal and lumber business, but he spent his last years in Philadelphia, dying in 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. Mrs. Raineer, who now resides in Camden, N. J., was born in 1838. She belongs to the Methodist Church, as did also Mr. Raineer. They were the parents of the following named children: Kate E., Mrs. Slack; Sally, who died at the age of nineteen years; William B., who died in 1895, in Alabama; Frances B., who married Warren Burgess, and lives in Camden, N. J.; and Charles H., who lives in Philadelphia.

Harry B. Slack remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he entered a general store at Chester and spent eight years. In 1880 he came back to Leacock township, and for ten years was engaged in farming and as a clerk at sales. In 1890 he was elected a justice of the peace, and has continued to fill that position to the present time, with marked credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the community. He has acquired a fine reputation as a business man and an upright citizen. He has taken the third degree in Masonry and in religion is a member of the United Brethren Church. In his political relations he is a Republican.

**DAVID E. GROFF.** That the State of Pennsylvania should stand pre-eminent among her sister States is not remarkable, when the material from which she draws her agricultural supremacy is considered, for the tillers of the soil are the bone and sinew of any commonwealth, the source of her wealth and greatness. In the great county of Lancaster may be found score upon score of intelligent, progressive farmers, whose industry is untiring and whose integrity makes of them the best of citizens.

Among the old and honorable agricultural families of this favored county is that of the Groffs, who have been connected with farming, milling and mining interests here for a great number of years. The grandfather of David E. Groff was named Joseph Groff, and both he and his brother Abraham, as well as a half-brother, locally known as "Swamp John Groff," on account of the location of some of his land, were widely known and became the progenitors of large families. Joseph Groff was of German descent, and was an extensive farmer in Martic, now called Providence township, owning a large farm located some two miles southeast of New Providence. Upon this farm a valuable vein of iron ore was later opened and operated for some sixty years, although not during the life of Joseph Groff, who devoted his time exclusively to his farming interests. He lived to a good old age, respected by all, and was buried in what is yet called Shenk's



burying ground, in Providence township. Joseph Groff was three times married, the children of the first union numbering eight. (1) John was a farmer of Providence township; he first married Mary Eshleman and second, Leah Kendig. (2) Jacob was a day laborer of Martic township. By his first wife he had two sons—Eli and Ephraim, and two daughters; by his second wife, Barbara Miles, he had four sons, Benjamin, Henry, Alfred and Emanuel, and two daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth; his third wife, Polly Herr, bore him no children. (3) Joseph was a farmer in Drumore township, where he died. Two of his sons are living: Isaac, of Drumore township, and Elias N., of Washington, D. C. (4) Abraham was a farmer of Strasburg township; he married a cousin, Fannie Groff, but all of his family have passed away. (5) Henry died unmarried. (6) Samuel became the father of David E. (7) Elizabeth married David Nesswanger, of Eden township. (8) A daughter died young. The second marriage of Joseph Groff was to Mary Shaub, but no children were born of this union. Joseph Groff married for his third wife Nancy Whitestick, and from this union were born: David, a blacksmith, of Martic township, who married Mary Kendig, and removed West; Benjamin, a farmer, who succeeded to a part of the old homestead and married first, Eliza Lefever, and second, Annie Shaub; Amos, who began life as a farmer, but later became a hotel keeper, and still later was made sheriff of Lancaster county; Franklin, a farmer, and later engaged in hotel keeping; and Martha, who married John Miller, of Providence township, formerly a farmer, but latterly a hotel keeper.

Samuel Groff was born in Providence township in 1807, and was reared on the old homestead, receiving his education in the best schools the district then afforded. Engaging in farming in Eden township, he was operating a fine farm of 100 acres when the Civil war broke out. In the spring of 1862, he enlisted as a private in the 7th P. V. C. and gave up his life for his country, dying at Nashville, Tenn., in July, 1862, from wounds received in a skirmish in which he was gallantly fighting. He had married Barbara Ronk, who was born in Leacock township, a daughter of Philip Ronk; she died March 1, 1849, in the thirty-eighth year of her age, the mother of eleven children: Elizabeth, deceased; Rachel, the wife of Jacob Homsher, of Strasburg; Jesse, of Lancaster, the trusted night-watchman of the Wick-ersham Printing House; Rebecca, the wife of Martin Reese, of Providence township; David E., the subject of this biography; Albert, deceased; Samuel, a resident of Drumore township; Benjamin, deceased; Isaac L., a farmer of West Lampeter township; Jacob, a resident of Lancaster, the competent engineer of the Penn Rolling Mill; and Henry, who died in infancy.

David E. Groff was born Dec. 25, 1837, grew up on the farm and learned the science of farming in

a practical way, which knowledge he has applied in the management of his extensive agricultural operations in several townships. At the age of nineteen he started out to carve his own fortune, chose the milling business, being instructed by Christian Binkley and for the following thirteen years followed the trade, leaving it to enter farming on an extensive scale; he has operated in Strasburg township since then, with the exception of ten years passed in Paradise and West Lampeter townships.

Not only is David E. Groff known to his fellow-citizens as an excellent farmer, miller and public-spirited citizen, but they can also easily recall that in August, 1862, when his country called for defenders, he was one to respond, enlisting as a private in Co. G, 122d P. V. I. and participating in the battles at Fredericksburg, Antietam and Chancellorsville, serving gallantly and gaining the respect of his comrades.

On Dec. 22, 1864, David E. Groff was married to Mary A. Shaub, who was born in Strasburg township, April 14, 1837, a daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Huber) Shaub, and to this union eight children have been born: Charles, born in January, 1867, died on the day of birth; Harry E., born in March, 1868, now a resident of East Lampeter township, who married Ida Leman, and has one child, Dora; Christian J., born in May, 1870, who married Nettie Mowery, and has one child, Catherine; Lizzie S., born in February, 1872, who resides at home; Katie E., born in November, 1873; Amos H., in November, 1875; Morris D., in September, 1877; and Jesse R., in March, 1880. Politically, Mr. Groff is an ardent Republican, has taken an active part in public matters in the township, for five years has served as the efficient judge of elections, and is justly considered one of the leading men of this locality, identified with all progressive movements. Socially he is connected with J. N. Neff Post, No. 406, G. A. R., of Strasburg.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY, the well known merchant of Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., who resides in Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield, April 9, 1850, one of the seven children of John L. and Elizabeth (Hanlen) Hershey. The other children of the family are: Tobias H., in the coal business at Petersburg; Anna H., wife of Benjamin S. Risser, a retired farmer of Clay township; Emaline H., married to Harry S. Bowers and living on the old homestead in East Hempfield township; John H., a farmer in the same locality; Susan, wife of David C. Sowders, a merchant in Lancaster; and Elizabeth, wife of Harry Cassell, a farmer of Penn township.

The paternal grandparents of Andrew H. Hershey were Andrew and Elizabeth (Landis) Hershey, of East Hempfield and Manheim townships, respectively. Andrew Hershey was a life-long farmer and died in 1832, when forty-eight years old; his wife had passed away in 1828, at the





early age of thirty-eight years. To this couple were born the following children: Anna L., who married Jacob Snively, both now deceased; Mary L., deceased wife of the late Jacob Gotshall; Jacob L., who married Anna Stehman and died in Petersburg, where his widow still resides; John L., deceased, father of Andrew H.; Henry L., deceased, married to Eliza Swarr, who resides in East Hempfield; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Brubaker; Christian, deceased, married to Susan Swarr, who resides in Landisville; and Andrew, deceased, whose widow, Susan Kaufman, lives in Petersburg. The maternal grandparents of Andrew H. Hershey, Jacob and Eliza (Seachrist) Hanlen, died respectively in 1837 and 1830.

Andrew H. Hershey received a good education and at the age of twenty-five opened a coal and lumber yard at Petersburg. The following year, in company with his father, he started another coal and lumber yard, of which he assumed the entire management, but a year later the father's interest was purchased by one of the other sons, Tobias H., and the brothers then began the handling of leaf tobacco in addition to the other business. In 1888 Andrew H. Hershey removed to the village of Cordelia, and purchased a large stock of general merchandise of Mr. Habecker; one of his clerks was appointed postmaster and the office was located in his establishment. In 1893 he removed to Mountville but retained his interest at Cordelia until 1896. In 1898 he relinquished his coal and lumber business by selling that lucrative trade to his brother, and is now engaged in the mercantile business in Silver Spring, Lancaster county, and has tobacco warehouses in Lancaster City and Mountville, the business in Lancaster being conducted under the firm-name of A. H. Hershey & Co., the junior partner being Jacob H. Huber. Mr. Hershey is also engaged in the creamery business at Manheim, under the firm name of Hershey & Levan.

Mr. Hershey is a director in the Greenwood Cemetery Association in Lancaster, being also its treasurer and a director of the People's National Bank of the same city. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the A. O. K. of M. C., of which last he is treasurer.

In politics Mr. Hershey is a Republican. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, serving as secretary of the board the first year, the second year as its treasurer and the third year as its president. In 1893 he was elected sheriff, and is well qualified for his responsible position. His high character and his genial manners have won him a high place in the regard of his fellow men.

On Jan. 2, 1877, Mr. Hershey was united in marriage with Miss Salinda B. Kauffman, a native of East Hempfield township, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bimesderfer) Kauffman, residents of Petersburg, living retired. The father was born in April, 1830, and the mother in December, 1834,

and to this marriage has been born one child only, Salinda B., now Mrs. Hershey. Her parents are devout members of the Mennonite Church. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hershey, Christian and Martha (Miller) Kauffman, are retired farming people of East Hempfield township. Mrs. Hershey's maternal grandparents, George and Susannah (Meyers) Bimesderfer, were retired farming people of East Hempfield, and there George Bimesderfer died when he was ninety-one years old.

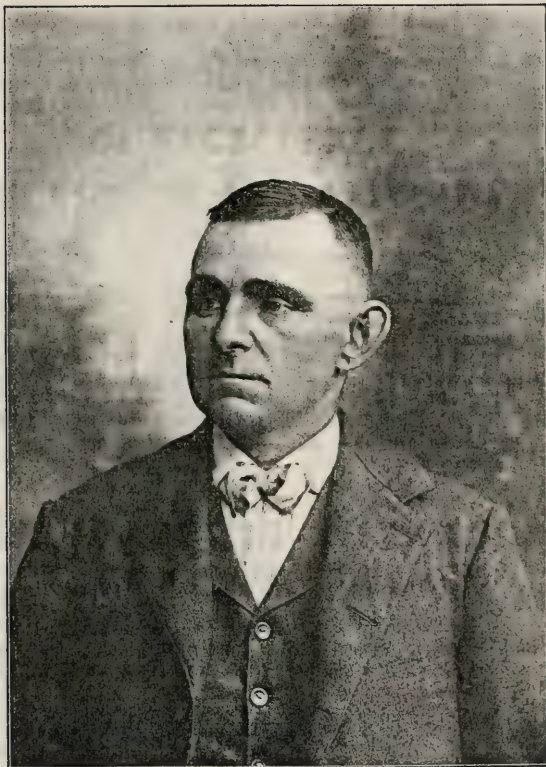
CHRISTIAN SHOFF, the great-grandfather of Frederic Shoff, a prominent business man of Lancaster county, came from Germany, and settled in this county on the farm now owned by Shoff & Good, along the Pequea, in Conestoga township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He married Miss Nancy Beahm, of Strasburg township, and they had the following children: John, a cooper by trade, who lived at Marticville; Jacob, a York county farmer; Abraham, a farmer of Bainbridge, Lancaster county; Christian, of Clearfield county; Frederick, grandfather of Frederic; Henry; Barbara, wife of Frederick Buckwalter; Nancy, wife of Bartley Clark; Susan, who died unmarried; Martha, wife of John Rumor, of Center county; and Fanny.

Frederick Shoff was the father of twelve children, all now deceased except Christian, the father of Frederic, viz.: John; Frederick; Christian, who died in childhood; Martha, wife of William Reil; Nancy, wife of Andrew McHaffy; Abraham; Jacob; Christian (2), born Sept. 27, 1821; George; Barbara; Henry, of Martic township; and Margaret.

Christian Shoff lived on the home farm until after he was married, and then went to work in the rolling-mill at Colemanville, where he remained about fourteen years, after which he went back on the old farm, which he worked on shares for four years. He then returned to the rolling-mill for six years, and back to the farm again for two years. His next move was to Shenks Ferry, where he kept hotel for six years. At the end of this time he returned to Colemanville, the place of his birth, where he has lived for twenty-four years, and there he still makes his home, with his children. He married Eliza, daughter of David Groff, of Lancaster county, and they are the parents of the following named children: Maris, of Philadelphia; Martha, wife of Martin H. Good; John, of Altoona, Pa.; Henry, of Martic township; Abram, of Logansport, Ind.; Frederic, the subject proper of this sketch; Christian, of Conestoga; Annie, wife of Martin B. Foulz, of Conestoga; and George, deceased.

FREDERIC SHOFF was born April 1, 1857, on the old farm where his ancestors first settled, and he remained at home until he was fourteen years old, when he started in the contracting business for himself, taking logs off the river and also dealing in furs. For eight years he followed fishing and trapping, and then went to work for his uncle for four years,





Frederick Shoff





after which he lived six years on the old farm where he was born. He then bought the place where he now resides, and has ever since been engaged in farming and contracting. Mr. Shoff also has a flourmill and saw and planing mills. He has been highly successful in all his undertakings. One of his first profitable ventures was the purchase of a bridge which had been blown into the Susquehanna, from the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He removed it in about six weeks, and cleared about \$20,000 on the deal. In 1896 Mr. Shoff commenced growing Paragon chestnuts, establishing an orchard of 185 acres, which he sold in the fall of the same year to a Mt. Joy company. In 1897 he started an orchard of 300 acres, which he still holds, and another of 600 acres in York county, which he sold in the fall of that year to W. G. Reist. He also has another grove, of 370 acres, well started. Aside from several pieces of property in Columbia and Lancaster—eight dwellings in the latter place and two in the former—Mr. Shoff is the owner of over 3,000 acres of land, and in 1901 he shipped over forty thousand railroad ties—all made on his own property—and cut and chopped over five thousand telegraph poles, besides manufacturing thousands of feet of lumber, etc. He keeps seventy-five men in his employ.

In 1898 Mr. Shoff conceived the idea of utilizing the Susquehanna river for generating power, and he at once organized a company for that purpose, at York Furnace, known as the York Furnace Electric Heat & Power Company, which has already invested several hundred thousand dollars.

In 1901 Mr. Shoff also launched another enterprise of considerable magnitude. Having decided to erect a large hotel on his property at Pequea, on the Susquehanna river, he at once put the wheels in motion, and a three-story and basement structure has been put up, which, when completed, is expected to afford accommodation for 150 guests; Mr. Shoff intends to keep his hostelry open all the year 'round. He has also put up twenty-seven cottages at the same place, of which he has made a very attractive summer resort.

In the fall of 1901 Mr. Shoff started a movement to secure a trolley road from Lancaster to York Furnace, to be known as the Lancaster & York Furnace road. After the initial survey was made, at his own expense, a company was organized with a capital of \$200,000. Mr. Shoff being elected president. Under his energetic supervision the matter has progressed rapidly, and success is now assured, it having through his individual efforts gained the right of way.

Mr. Shoff is a Republican in politics, and holds the position of school director, in which he has served for the past sixteen years; for six years he was also director of the poor, and is now commencing his third term in that incumbency. In politics, as in business, he has been very successful, having never suffered defeat when a candidate for office. Fraternally

he is a member of Millersville Lodge, No. 496, F. & A. M.; of Tribe No. 1003, I. O. R. M., of Shoff, of which he is treasurer; and of the I. O. K. of M. C., of Mt. Nebo.

On Oct. 9, 1878, Mr. Shoff married Miss Delila, daughter of Samuel Warfel, of Conestoga township, and they have had eight children, as follows: Floyd, deceased; Walter, who is a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; William, at home, employed in the mill; Chester, who is a clerk in Frey's store; Milton, deceased; Edgar, with his uncle, Christian; Earl, at home; and Frederic, Jr., at home.

Mr. Shoff was left without a mother at twelve years of age, and was almost entirely deprived of the advantages of an education, but he has ever been one of the most enterprising and successful men of Lancaster county. He is very progressive, and always ready to lend a helping hand to any enterprise for the advantage of the county in which he lives.

HILL E. DAVIS, who for many years was engaged in farming in Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Delaware county, Pa., in February, 1814, son of William S. and Catherine (Engle) Davis. The parents were also natives of Delaware county, where the father was born in 1804, and the mother in 1805. His parents, William and Rachel (Robinson) Davis, passed all their married life in Delaware county.

William S. and Catherine Davis lived on a farm in Delaware county until 1855, when he sold the place and moved into Colerain township, near the Chester county line, where he owned the large place known as the "Col. Bell farm." There he remained until his death, in 1887; his wife passed to her reward in 1883. They were reared in the faith of the Friends, and always adhered to that belief. To them were born eleven children, of whom nine lived to maturity, Caroline and Susan dying in young womanhood. (1) Joseph Davis, born in Delaware county, married Miss Lucretia Hayes, of Chester county, where they made their home for some years, then moving into Colerain township; there his wife died, leaving one daughter, Catherine, who is now the widow of Rufus Springer, of Chester county. Mr. Davis later married Miss Anna Wright, of Delaware county, where they located, and where he died in 1900. (2) Mary Davis, born in Delaware county, married James F. Turner, of Lancaster county, and after living for a number of years on a farm in Colerain township moved into Chester county, where Mr. Turner died, leaving his widow and seven children: William, now in Dakota; Caroline, wife of Charles Whiteside, of Colerain township; Montgomery, in Dakota; Engle, of Sioux City, Iowa; Anna, wife of Samuel Whiteside, of Colerain township; James; and Abbie, widow of William Reynolds, of Atglen, Chester county. (3) Dora Davis was born and educated in Delaware county, and married James



T. Barnard, of Chester county, where they lived on his farm until April, 1902, when they moved to Christiana, Lancaster county. They have had seven children, of whom three died in infancy; William D., living in Philadelphia, who married Laura Shrack, of Northumberland, Pa.; Harry W., who married Ella Sidney Cooper, of Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, and lives on the old home, "Rosa Morado Farm," in Upper Oxford, Chester Co., Pa.; Mary, unmarried, at home; Dr. Everett, engaged in the practice of his profession in Philadelphia. (4) William Davis, born in Delaware county, married Miss Sheminth Underwood, and made his home in Colerain township, where Mrs. Davis died. Later he married Isabelle Holmes, of Chester county, and with her moved to Northern Kansas, where he died in 1884, leaving his widow and two children, who are still in Kansas; Carrie, wife of William Harmon, of Kansas City; and Edward, who is with his mother in Leavenworth, Kan. (5) Ellen Davis, born in Delaware county, married Brinton Walter, a grain merchant at Christiana, where they were living at the time of her death, in 1883. She left one daughter, Georgiana, a graduate (1902) of the Woman's Medical College, at Philadelphia. (6) Hill E. Davis is the sixth member of the family. (7) Louisa Davis, born in Delaware county in 1846, became the third wife of Brinton Walter. (8) Catherine Davis, born in Delaware county in 1848, is now the widow of Joseph Echiernach, of Lancaster county. They were living on his farm in Strasburg township at the time of his death in 1890. The widow and her two children have their home in Christiana. Carrie is the wife of John Danner, and Joseph is studying dentistry in a dental school in Philadelphia. (9) Harry Davis, born in Delaware county in 1853, married Miss Roberta Ross, of Chester county, and they made their home in Christiana where she died, leaving two children, Helen and Norman. Mr. Davis later married Miss Phoebe Evenson, of Bart township. They have their home in Christiana, where he is engaged in a planing mill.

Hill E. Davis was educated in the schools of Lancaster county, and at the Millersville State Normal. He remained with his parents, and when a young man became manager of the home place, upon which he settled, living there until the spring of 1889, when he purchased the William Paxson farm, near the line of Little Britain, one of the finest farms in the township. There he had a large stone house, a fine bank barn and outbuildings, and there he remained until the spring of 1902, when he sold the farm to his son William, and moved to the Johnson farm near Oxford.

Mr. Davis was married Dec. 7, 1869, to Anna, daughter of David and Hannah (Turner) Bunting, who settled in Colerain township, where he died in 1859, his widow surviving until Jan. 4, 1902. They were the parents of five children: Nelson, of Colerain township; Washington, of Oxford, Chester

county; Laura, wife of Jerre King, of Oxford; Ella, wife of William Burling, also of Oxford; and Anna, Mrs. Davis, who was born in Colerain township in October, 1849, and completed her education in the Union high school. She died on the farm in Colerain, Dec. 15, 1900. Mrs. Davis was a Christian woman, and long a member of the Presbyterian Church, having united with that body in her girlhood. She was the mother of five children: (1) Laura Louisa, born in Colerain township, in December, 1870, was educated in the Union high school. She was married in October, 1892, to Calvin Swisher, son of Samuel and Amanda Swisher, and they located in Coatesville, where he was engaged in the grocery trade up to the time of his death, in 1893. His widow is now living in her father's home. (2) William S. Davis, born in July, 1874, who now owns the home place, was married Feb. 19, 1903, to Miss Lena Boyd, of Colwyn, Delaware Co., Pa. (3) Clyde Davis, born in December, 1875, died in 1882. (4) Joseph Davis, born in August, 1884, is now a student in the Union high school. (5) Fred Davis, born in February, 1886, is at home.

Mr. Davis and his family are all members of the Presbyterian Church of which he has been a trustee for twelve years. In politics he is a Democrat, and for twelve years has been school director in Colerain township. Hill Davis, as he is commonly known, is a man of fine character and lofty principles, and commands the hearty and unstinted respect of the community in which his quiet but useful life is passing.

**JONAS HUBER.** Among the successful and representative citizens of Martic township is Jonas Huber, born April 14, 1851, son of Henry and Annie (Hess) Huber, both of whom are deceased.

The Huber family was founded in America by four brothers of the name, who came hither from Germany in the seventeenth century, one of whom settled in Lancaster county and one in Bucks county, Pa. Abraham Huber, grandfather of Jonas, was the father of ten children, namely, Henry, Nancy, Martin, Joseph, David, Martha, Barbara and John, the others dying young. Henry Huber, son of Abraham and father of Jonas, was a merchant and tailor in Marticville for more than fifty years. He was the father of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: David H., a retired farmer of Martic township; Abraham, a farmer of Conestoga township; Jonas; Sarah, the wife of Henry Rohrer, of the city of Lancaster; Samuel, also of Lancaster. Henry Huber was a Republican in his political attachment and was a most highly respected citizen. He belonged to the Mennonite Church.

Jonas Huber was reared in Marticville and early made himself useful to his father in the store. After completing his education in the public schools, he entered mercantile business and the wisdom of his choice of occupation is shown in the success which has attended his efforts. As a merchant he





has displayed good business capacity and by honorable and upright methods has won and has kept the best trade of the town and vicinity. His store and dwelling are both valuable properties, and in the latter is carried a general line of seeds, suited to the demands of his trade, for which there is a constantly increasing patronage.

Mr. Huber was first married in 1874 to Miss Mary Miller, of Providence township, a daughter of Abraham Miller, and two children were born to this union; Elizabeth, who died in girlhood; and Annie, the wife of Adam Shank, of Manor township. Mrs. Huber died in 1889. In 1891 Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hess, daughter of Amos Hess, of Pequea township, and this marriage has been blessed with two children: Verna, now deceased; and Ethel at home.

Mr. Huber has been an important factor in political life in Martie township and for a number of years has most efficiently filled offices of responsibility. For several years he has been postmaster of Martieville; in 1896 was appointed mercantile appraiser in the county, in 1898 was made paster and folder for the State Senate, and in 1900 was elected jury commissioner of Lancaster county. He has shown his interest in educational matters by service as school director and has been assistant assessor of his township. He is known as one of the leading Republicans of that part of the county. In both public and private life he is a man to be held in high esteem.

**CHRISTIAN GEORGE BASSLER** (formerly spelled Bossler), attorney-at-law, Lancaster, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, Jan. 2, 1856, son of the late John and Leah (Minnich) Bassler. The ancestors of the Bassler family were of Swiss origin, and came to America from their native land about 1749.

Christian Bassler, grandfather of Christian G., was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and there spent his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. On attaining his majority he married Catherine Bachman, who came of one of the old families of the county, and of their children but one survives, Christian H., who resides on the old homestead in Manheim township. Christian Bassler died in 1862, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, born in 1787, died in 1865, aged about seventy-eight years. Their remains are interred in the family graveyard located on the homestead farm.

John Bassler was born in Manheim township in 1815, and like his father spent his entire life in his native township, engaged in the peaceful vocation of a tiller of the soil. To him and his wife were born five children: (1) Frances Augusta, married Herman W. Graybill and had the following children: Nora B., wife of John M. Groff, attorney-at-law, Lancaster; John B.; Laura, deceased; Daniel; Catherine. (2) Amos H. resides in Lancaster. He married Kate Miller, and they have one son, Harry

M. (3) John Jacob resides at home. (4) Christian G. (5) Benjamin F. died in 1878, aged eighteen years. John Bassler died in Manheim township, May 18, 1861. His wife, who survives him, lives at Petersburg, Lancaster county.

Christian G. Bassler, having lost his father when but six years old, went to live with his grandparents and remained with them until 1865. He then removed to the house of his uncle, Jacob Gamber, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age. During this period his education was limited to a very brief attendance at the district school. When he attained the age of fifteen years he went to Manheim and lived with his guardian, Elias Bomberger, and for two years he was a pupil in the Manheim school. At the expiration of this period he received a teacher's certificate, and securing a school he taught in Penn township until 1876. He then entered the Millersville Normal School for the purpose of taking a regular course and was graduated therefrom in 1878. He then secured a school in East Hempfield township where he taught for four years. Meanwhile he was industriously engaged during his spare hours in reading and studying law, and he was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1882. Removing to North Dakota, he settled in Minewaukan, where he successfully practiced his profession for five years. During this time he served as county attorney for Benson county, Dakota, for several months. In 1887 he returned to Lancaster county and settled in the City of Lancaster, since which time he has successfully practiced his profession in that city.

Mr. Bassler was married in Lancaster in 1879 to Maria, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Ruth) Shissler, of Lancaster, and they have had issue as follows: Olive Lodelia, a teacher in the public schools; John Franklin, who died in childhood; George H.; William Sidney. Mr. Bassler is a member of the Lancaster County Bar Association, and takes a deep interest in whatever pertains to the advancement of the material interests of the association and members.

**J. MILTON HUBER.** The Huber family belongs among the old agricultural settlers of Lancaster county, where it has grown and flourished these many years, its descendants and representatives being among the most highly esteemed in this part of the State of Pennsylvania.

Grandfather Abraham Huber was born in Germany, and there he was reared until young manhood, when he came to the United States and first located in the State of Virginia. His permanent home, however, was made in Lancaster county, and it was in Lampeter township that he purchased his first tract of land, consisting of seven acres, which lay just south of Willowsstreet, a village which was then just being laid out and platted in five-acre tracts. Mr. Huber, with remarkable foresight, saw his opportunity, and began buying these five-acre tracts until he was in possession of 120 acres, a great



part of this land being now owned by his grandson, J. Milton Huber.

Abraham Huber was a carpenter by trade, and worked at it until his land required his personal attention, when he devoted his later years to its improvement and development. He lived to be seventy-eight. He married Polly Stauffer, their children being: Katie, who married Abraham Harnish; Polly, who married John Huber; Susan, who married John Yordy; John, who was a well-known farmer of considerable prominence in East Hempfield township, and was locally called "Pap" Huber; and Levi, who was the father of J. Milton. The parents had reared the family in the instruction and membership of the Old Mennonite Church.

Levi Huber was born in 1812 and died in 1884. He was brought up on the farm and received his primary education in the public schools, his father later procuring for him a private tutor, under whose instruction he became educated in the profession of a scrivener and also of a surveyor, later engaging in farming, as well as in the practice of these arts. His life was spent on the old homestead at Willow-street, as he succeeded to the property, and both socially and in a business capacity he was widely known and esteemed.

Levi Huber was married to Catherine Kuperts who was born in Conestoga township in 1819, and died in 1893, her life having been devoted to good works and the rearing of a family of ten children, these being: Abraham, who was a successful farmer in West Lampeter and died at the age of sixty-three, leaving a widow, since deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of Martin Witmer, of West Lampeter township, now of Strasburg; John, who died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving a widow; in his profession of physician he served in the Civil war, remaining four years at Hilton Head, S. C., in the Hospital corps, as its superintendent, was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and had previously studied medicine with Dr. Carpenter, of Lancaster; Catherine, deceased wife of Benjamin Huffman; Susan, the wife of Benjamin Hastings, also deceased; Louisa, the wife of John L. Brenne-man, of Lancaster City; Mary, who died in childhood; Elam, who died at the age of twelve; Levi, who died at the age of forty-three, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, having previously read with Dr. Boyle, of Hagerstown, Md., and at the time of his death a surgeon in Kansas, in the employ of a Western railroad.

J. Milton Huber, of whom this biography is written, was the youngest of the family of Levi and Catherine Huber, was born Dec. 17, 1853, was reared on the large farm of his father, and attended the common schools of the district, later taking a course in the State Normal School at Millersville. When twenty-three years old he began work at the carpenter trade, and since then has given a portion of his time to it, and the remainder to operating his farm, as he owns eighteen acres of the old home-

stead. This place he has improved by the erection of a fine, modern brick residence and other substantial buildings, which make it a model country home, and one of the most attractive places in the neighborhood, Mr. Huber demonstrating that he is not only a competent carpenter, but also an excellent agriculturist.

As one of the leading men in the district and an ardent Republican, he has been recognized by the party of his choice and his activity rewarded by the appointment to local offices, having been a most efficient justice of the peace for the past fifteen years. During this long term of service he has never had any of his decisions reversed. His aim has been to adjust all matters peaceably, and to each case he gives time and close attention, and has thus gained the confidence of the community, who feel sure of his just dealing.

The marriage of J. Milton Huber occurred in September, 1875, to Henrietta Gall, a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Furry) Gall, who was born in Conestoga township in 1851. When Mr. Huber was but twenty-three years of age he became a member of the M. E. Church, and since that time has been one of its most active supporters and consistent members, has served for several years as trustee and is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school; in every way he is a good citizen, having done all in his power to advance his family, section and State.

RESH. Henry Resh, who came from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1748, first settled on a tract of land a short distance east of Lancaster, where he spent three years. In 1751 he bought 125 acres in Leacock township, from Joseph Musser, for which he paid £475. After his death, in 1754, this property passed into the hands of his widow, Frena Resh, and from her to her son, John, and, with the exception of a small fraction, was still held by his descendants in 1902—the larger portion, with the mansion house and original home, by Jacob Ranck, a great-great-grandson; the remainder belongs to the estate of Mary Shirk, a great-great-granddaughter. Henry Resh was the father of five children, two sons and three daughters: John, born in Europe March 2, 1737; Elizabeth, born in Europe Aug. 2, 1739; Christian, born in Europe Sept. 3, 1743; Barbara, born in Pennsylvania Jan. 13, 1751; and Magdalena, born in Pennsylvania March 19, 1753. The history of the family is traditional and not at all full. The daughters all married, Elizabeth to a Mr. Stoner, and Barbara to a Mr. Miller. The daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoner married Bresslers; and her son, while yet a young man, was killed by his horse running away down the little slope just west of Henry Ressler's mill, on the Old Philadelphia road, which is now the Bird-in-Hand turnpike. Magdalena married Jacob Denlinger.

John Resh, the eldest son of Henry, came into possession of the old homestead in 1762. He mar-







Henry B. Bush



ried Elizabeth Stoner and had the following children: Barbara, born March 31, 1762; Henry (1), Jan. 13, 1764 (died in infancy); Fronica, April 20, 1765; John, April 25, 1768; Joseph, Jan. 20, 1771; Henry (2), June 7, 1773; a daughter, Sept. 10, 1775; Susanna, Jan. 27, 1778; Christian, April 18, 1780. After the death of his first wife, Elizabeth, John Resh married Magdalena Eshleman, by whom he had the following children: Jacob, who died in infancy; Jacob (2); Elizabeth; Mary and Magdalena, twins; and Esther.

John Resh (born April 25, 1768), owned and lived on the old homestead in Leacock township. He married Barbara Eby, and they had one son, David, born Feb. 22, 1802, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty years. A daughter, Lydia, who was born in 1803, married John Esbenshade, and after his death became the wife of Henry Denlinger. Another daughter, Elizabeth, never married, and died Dec. 17, 1875. A third daughter, Barbara, married Adam Ranck. A fourth daughter, Mary, became the wife of Henry Eby.

Joseph Resh, born Jan. 20, 1771, married Esther Sensenig, by whom he had the following named children: Joseph, Daniel, Jacob, Moses, Peter, John, Samuel, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Susanna, Fanny, Esther and Mary. All lived in Washington county, Md., and in Franklin county, Pa., with the exception of Jacob, who made his home in Lancaster county.

Henry Resh, born in Leacock township June 7, 1773, early learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, and in connection with his brothers did much construction in Leacock township, a number of houses and barns which they built being yet standing. In his later years he was a farmer. He died June 5, 1849, in religion a member of the Old Mennonite Church. His wife, Magdalena, daughter of Francis and Magdalena Buckwalter, was born in 1784. They had seven children, all now deceased, one of whom, Daniel, died in infancy; Anna married John Bosler, and after his death became the wife of Jonathan Weaver; Mary married Samuel Sensenig; Elizabeth married Peter Herr; Martha married David Bair; Fannie married John Buckwalter; Henry B. is mentioned below.

HENRY B. RESH was born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 23, 1820, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. His education was received in the public schools, and he became a prominent and useful citizen. When he was twenty-seven he married Mary Buckwalter, daughter of John and Judith Buckwalter, and by her had one child, a son, who died in infancy, and was motherless from its birth. Mr. Resh was later married, March 21, 1855, to Susanna Sheaffer, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, daughter of John and Elenore (Garvey) Sheaffer, and came to this country with her family when quite young. This union was blessed with three children: (1) Mary E., born Jan. 4, 1856, died Oct. 14, 1895. She married Dr. John

K. Shirk, of Lancaster, and became the mother of four children, Florence M., Mary R., Helen R. and David R. (2) John died in infancy. (3) Anna M., born Oct. 4, 1858, married Frank L. Minnich. She lives with her widowed mother, and devotes herself to her two young children—Henriette R., born Dec. 3, 1890, and Anna Resh, born Nov. 10, 1895.

Mr. Resh made his home on the old homestead where he was born, and where he carried on farming until he was about forty-two years of age, at which time he retired. He died in 1887. In business circles he stood high in the community, and was a director of the Lancaster County National Bank for some twenty years. In Leacock township he filled the position of school director for a number of terms, and was a progressive and public-spirited citizen, devoted to public interests, and taking sides with the Republican party in all political issues.

PHILIP MECK. One of the respected citizens of Lancaster county, Pa., who now lives a partially retired life on a fine farm of sixty-six acres, in West Lampeter township, is Philip Meck, a son of George Meck, an old resident of this township.

Philip Meck was born June 13, 1829, in the old Meck homestead, was reared on the home farm and educated in the country schools, remaining under the parental roof until he had reached his majority. His first business venture for himself was when he began work by the month for his brother, and a couple of years later he took charge of one of the fine farms which his father owned in Manheim township, where he remained for four years. Upon his return to the old homestead he worked on shares until he was prepared to purchase, later becoming the owner of sixty-six acres of this excellent land.

Until 1884 Philip Meck carried on a general farming line upon this place, but at that time his son took charge of active operations and he purchased a home, with ten acres of land, in the village of Lampeter, and there he has since lived, looking after this tract and enjoying the ease which his ample means makes possible. Although Philip Meck has lived a quiet, unostentatious life, he has always been ready to respond when called upon to lend his influence for the public good.

Philip Meck was married on Dec. 4, 1851, to Esther Wade, a daughter of John and Susan (Warzel) Wade, who was born in Strasburg township May 24, 1824; to this union has been born a family of nine children, many of them among the most respected citizens of this county: George W., the farmer on the homestead, who married Mary Ervin and has a family of three children, Ella, Elmer and Mable; Martha, who married Benjamin Brubaker, near Freeport, Ill., and has three children, Ralph, Elva and Nora; Susan, who married Adam Tout, of the vicinity of Columbia, and has four children, Arthur, Laura, Chester and Bessie; Amos W., of Providence township, who married Lillie Mower





and has four children, Edna, Margie, Lester and an infant daughter; Mary Ann and Hettie, twins, the former of whom married Ephraim Kauffman, of Manor township, and has two children, Ralph and Benjamin; and the latter married to Christian L. Herr, of Lancaster township, with four children, Paul, Esther, Elizabeth and Mary; Emma, at home: Aaron J., a farmer near Freeport, Ill., who married Emma Shoemaker and has two children, Clarence and Titus; and Lizzie, married to J. Newton Rohrer, of Strasburg, with two children, Jay and Esther.

Both Mr. Meck and his worthy wife have long been connected with the Old Mennonite Church, where they possess the esteem of all; and no family in the community stands in higher respect.

ISAAC PHENEGAR, of Strasburg township, is one of the representative citizens of Lancaster county. His maternal grandfather, Richard Glass, was the founder of the family in this locality, and came from his home in Derry, Ireland, and located here with his wife, who had been Miss Martha Watts, a member of the family so well known through their musical contributions to the various church hymnals.

Richard Glass and his family settled in Lancaster county about 1804, and here he lived until his death, in 1842. He left a family of seven children: James, who removed to Iowa and died there; Joseph, who located in Utah and died there; John, who removed to Illinois and died in Sterling; Richard, who lived and died in Iowa; Mary, who married John Petrie and moved to Ohio; Ann, who became the wife of Benjamin Phenegar and the mother of Isaac, of this biography (later married to John Ferguson); and Elizabeth, who married Henry Sides, of Paradise and Strasburg townships. Ann (Glass) Phenegar was born in Strasburg township and died at the home of her son, in 1884, at the age of seventy-two. She had two children, Isaac, and James, who died in infancy.

The birth of Isaac Phenegar occurred Jan. 4, 1832, and he was reared in his native place and attended the common schools, but at an early age he began to earn his own way in the world, beginning by doing odd jobs and assisting on farms, later entering a store and becoming a clerk. It was remarked that whatever Isaac attempted to do he did well, and when, on reaching the age of eighteen, he announced his intention of fitting himself for the profession of a teacher, his associates knew that he would accomplish it. After a winter spent in study he was found able to pass examinations satisfactorily, and for the following ten years was one of the most capable among the young teachers of Lancaster county, in the meantime being prepared by study and intelligent application for a very different line of work.

In 1863 Mr. Phenegar became the manager of the Strasburg Railroad, and served efficiently in this capacity for the succeeding ten years, at the end of

which period he leased the road and operated it on his own responsibility for the following fifteen years. About this time he became interested in the First National Bank of Strasburg, with which institution he has been connected as a director to the present time. In connection with his business in railroad matters he conducted a warehouse and dealt in all kinds of grain, coal, etc., and also engaged extensively in tobacco packing, managing all these lines with the intelligence which leads to success.

In 1863 Mr. Phenegar was married to Miss Elmira Weaver, a daughter of John and Sarah Weaver, of Paradise township, and he and his wife are the parents of three daughters: Anna, who married J. C. Mylin, the railroad agent located at Leaman Place, and has three children—Arthur, Donald and Everett; Emma Eugenie, who married Willis C. Herr, of Lampeter, and has two children, Robert P. and Richard; and Eva, who married Rev. Joseph H. Earp, assistant rector of St. James Episcopal Church, of Lancaster, and has two children, Marjorie and John.

For some thirty years Mr. Phenegar has been the talented chorister of the M. E. Church in Strasburg and has been prominent in the affairs of that denomination and a leader in educational and religious circles in the community. Mr. Phenegar has efficiently filled the office of school director for the past six years and during his residence in Paradise township was a justice of the peace. As one of the most active and progressive business men of this part of Lancaster county he has gained the confidence and esteem of its citizens, and they see in his career the results of honesty, energy and application, and the rewards of an exemplary life.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER, a farmer and merchant of Mount Nebo, Martie township, is one of its honorable and esteemed citizens. He was born in Martie township June 20, 1848, son of John and Susan (Zaroche) Alexander, of Martie township, of Scotch-Irish descent.

John Alexander, the father, was a son of John and one of a family of six children, viz., Samuel, David, James, Thomas, John and Rachel, all deceased. He was born in 1803, married Susan Zaroche in 1820, and died in 1877. They had a family of seven children, namely: Maris, who was killed while in the service of his country, during the Civil war; Martha, the wife of Amos Walton, of Fulton township; Mary, the widow of Lewis Jenkins; Samuel; Rebecca J., the wife of Henry Marsh, of Lancaster; John A., of Mount Nebo; Calvin, deceased.

Samuel Alexander is a leading citizen of Martie township. His early rearing on the farm gave him a taste and inclination toward an agricultural life, and after finishing his school course, he engaged in farming and still owns several well improved farms in his vicinity. Mr. Alexander also conducts a first-class general store in that locality, and is the postmaster of Mount Nebo, having been appointed



by ex-President Cleveland. In politics he has long been recognized as an important factor in the Democratic party and at one time was the choice of the party for the State Senate. In all matters pertaining to the progress and advancement of his locality, Mr. Alexander takes a deep interest and is known as both liberal and public-spirited.

On Oct. 20, 1870, Mr. Alexander married Miss Jennie M. Hagen, of Martic township, born April 3, 1847, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Hagen, and this marriage has been blessed with eleven children, ten of whom still survive, as follows: Chester L., born in 1871, of Chicago; Maris C., born in 1872; Curtis, born in 1873; Gertrude, born in 1875, the wife of William Tollinger, of Fulton township; Minnie E., born in 1876, at home; Emma, born in 1878, the wife of Ray Neel, of Mount Nebo; Walter S., born in 1881; Harry B., born in 1883; Manie, born in 1884, and Charles, born in 1885. John C., born in 1879, died at the age of two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are leading members of the Methodist church, where they both are active in good works. He is one of the stewards of that body and is honored and respected by a very large circle of acquaintances. Mr. Alexander is identified with these fraternal societies: The I. O. O. F., of Rawlinsville; the K. of P., of the same place; and Lodge No. 158, Mystic Chain, of Mount Nebo.

**ADDISON B. LONGENECKER.** For many years Addison B. Longenecker, the owner of 120 acres of some of the choicest and best improved land in Lancaster county, followed the plow, planted and sowed and in due season reaped a bountiful harvest, but now he lives a somewhat retired life, enjoying the results of his former industry and activity.

The Longenecker family originally came from Switzerland, the country which has sent to Pennsylvania some of her best citizens. Addison was born Dec. 27, 1841, a son of Jacob and Sallie (Barhoff) Longenecker, of Ephrata township. To them a large family was born: Susannah, who died in childhood; Fianna, who married Samuel Schlote; Henry, a retired farmer of Ephrata township; Addison; Mary Ann married to Andrew M. Baker; Allen, who resides in Adams county; Serena, who married John Bender; and Emma, who married Samuel Rupp.

Addison B. Longenecker was reared on a farm in Warwick township and attended the common schools of his district, starting out in life for himself with very limited means. However, he possessed industry and energy and with those levers he moved events and put aside difficulties until now he is considered one of the substantial men of the community. This is an excellent thing, but Mr. Longenecker possesses much more than a fine, well cultivated farm, for he is held in esteem by the neighbors among whom his life has been passed and they regard him as a valued friend, ever ready to extend a hand to

help, and as an upright man in all his dealings with others.

The marriage of Mr. Longenecker occurred in 1871, when he was united to Miss Katherine Shirk, born Jan. 16, 1849, a daughter of Emanuel and Katherine Shirk, and to this union one child has come, Sallie, born Sept. 19, 1880.

**J. MARTIN GOOD,** a wealthy and respected farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born at his present home in that township, May 6, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Eliza (Hollis) Good. His parents were both natives of Chester county, where the father was born Oct. 18, 1799, and the mother, May 20, 1804. She was a daughter of George and Nancy (Moore) Hollis, both of whom were born in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Good was a son of Andrew and Anna (Boyle) Good. She was born in Chester county, and came of Irish parentage. Andrew Good was born in Germany. He settled in West Fallowfield, Chester county, before the Revolutionary war. Two brothers accompanied him to America: one settled on the Schuylkill river, near Philadelphia, and the other moved to Reading, where he lived remote from the two. Andrew Good settled on a farm, where he lived and died. He was the father of seven children. (1) Grace Good, born in Chester county, died at the old home in her ninetieth year, unmarried. (2) Polly Good, born in Chester county, married Thomas Pearcall, a merchant of Baltimore, and became the mother of three children: John, Isaac, and Juliet, who married S. R. Wright, all of Baltimore. (3) Darlington Good, born in Chester county, married Sarah Hoar, and moved to Henry county, Ill., where he died. They had the following family: Alban, Sarah, Darlington, Samuel, and Emma, who married a Mr. Morris, of Illinois.

(4) Emma Good, born in Chester county, married James Turnbolt, and moved to Henry county, Ill., where she died, leaving two children, Sarah and Darlington, a prominent man of Chicago.

(5) Sarah Good, born in Chester county, is the widow of Samuel Finley, who passed his later years at Quarryville, where he died leaving the following children: Echnos; James, deceased; Lewis, who died in the Civil war; Samuel, of Chester county; Mary, who married Mr. Kimbell, and lives in Quarryville; John, of Chester county; and Martin, of Mechanicsburg. (6) Jane Good died unmarried.

(7) Jacob Good married Sarah Davis, also a native of Chester county, settled in Chester county, on the original Good home where he was born, and left the following children: Mary, the wife of Martin Espenheimer, living in Chester county; Davis, deceased; Emeline, the widow of John Wilson, of Philadelphia; Sarah, the widow of Dr. Goman, of Coatesville; Ellis, who lives in Atglen; Elmira, a resident of Philadelphia.

(8) Samuel Good, the father of J. Martin, was reared in Chester county, where he was given a





common-school education, and bred to a farming life. In 1830 he married Eliza Hollis, and lived for a year in Bart Valley. In 1832 he bought the farm on which his son is now established near Bartville, in the township of Bart; this he cleared with the assistance of his son, made extensive improvements, and erected the buildings which are now standing on the place. In 1880 he removed to Christiana, where he lived retired, to the time of his death in 1889. His wife died at the farm home in 1863. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in Octoraro. Politically he was a Democrat, and held a number of local offices at different times in his active and useful life. He was one of the first free school trustees of Bart township. To him and his excellent wife came the following family:

(1) J. F. Good, born in Bart township in 1833, married Miss Mary Mundenhall, of Bart township, and for a number of years he worked at the carpenter trade. During the Civil war he served in the State militia during the Rebel raid into Pennsylvania. For some ten years he worked at farming, and in 1872 moved to Renova, Clinton county, where he is employed in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Of his children, Clara, the oldest, is the wife of Charles Van Gordan, of Renova; Florence is the widow of Charles Young, of Renova; Abraham lives at Altoona; George lives at Lancaster, N. Y.; Albert is in Renova; Jennetta is the wife of Isaac Gates, of Renova; Ella is at home.

(2) Anna E. Good, born Aug. 27, 1835, is the widow of John McGovan, of Sadsbury township, and has one son, John W., who is a farmer in Sadsbury township.

(3) Sarah J. Good, born in June, 1837, is unmarried, and lives at the old home in Chester county, where she is a dress maker with a pleased and constant patronage.

(4) W. H. Good, born Jan. 5, 1840, a business man of Philadelphia, married Miss Sally Maloy, and has one son, Dr. A. P. Good, of that city.

(5) Mary L. Good, born May 15, 1842, is unmarried, and lives in Chester county.

(6) Samuel R. Good, born June 21, 1844, married Miss Mary Moore, of Bart township, and lived with her in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is a contractor and builder. The wife died in Philadelphia, leaving three children, Washington, Nellie and Wilson.

(7) Washington Good, born Nov. 20, 1846, enlisted in Co. D, 2d Pa. Cav., and died at Camp Stoneman, Va., April 20, 1864.

J. Martin Good began life as a farmer boy, was educated in the local schools, and when only fourteen years of age had charge of his father's farm. In connection with farming he has followed for many years the business of an auctioneer.

Mr. Good was married Dec. 25, 1879, to Mary E., the daughter of Patrick and Susan (McNeal) Swisher. She was born in Eden township, Sept. 10, 1855. After their marriage the young couple lived on the old homestead, which has been their

residence to the present time. To this marriage have come two daughters: Ellen Maud, born Feb. 2, 1882, graduated from the Quarryville high school and now a successful teacher in Bart township, holding a first-grade certificate and enjoying a reputation of more than the usual ability; Malissa May, born Jan. 7, 1886, a student in the Bartville high school.

Mr. Good has been prominently identified with the Republican party, and at different times has held various local and town offices. In 1890 he was made census enumerator for Bart township, and ten years has been road commissioner. He has long been a judge of the elections, and was actively associated with the building of the Central high school of Bart township. He and his wife are members of Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church. He is an industrious and hard working man, an upright citizen, and a kind neighbor. His neighbors speak warmly of his many good qualities and sympathetic spirit, and he enjoys the hearty and unstinted respect of the community in which his life is passing.

**FREDERICK BUCHER.** In reviewing the lives of successful men the keynote that has gained fame and confidence for them is not uncommonly sought. Some men win as plodders, others by dash and brilliancy. In his earlier life, at least, Frederick Bucher was a man of action. He possessed the courage to choose for himself, to create opportunities rather than to become their creation, and this faculty, with his keen sagacity, has contributed immensely to his success. As one of the wealthiest, most prosperous citizens of Columbia, a brief outline of his career is especially interesting.

Mr. Bucher was born in Deggingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, Sept. 18, 1830, son of Joseph Maximilian and Barbara (Bernauer) Bucher, and was well educated in his youth in his native town. His father was a prosperous merchant, and at fifteen Frederick entered the paternal dry-goods store and grocery as a clerk. A year later he assumed the management of a carbonic spring, the property of his father, located at Ditzgenbach, near Deggingen. Here he remained six years, gaining a knowledge of business and men which has stood him in good stead in the varied business interests in which he has since engaged. In 1852 Mr. Bucher's name, with many others, was placed in the "army wheel," but the drawing of Deggingen's recruits was completed without his name appearing in the lists, he having drawn a number which cleared him from military service. In the fall of the following year he sailed for the new world beyond the sea, where he hoped to build a home for himself, make new friends, and a fortune, all of which he has realized beyond his most sanguine expectations. Landing at New York, he did not at once find occupation which suited, the offer of a clerkship at eighteen dollars a month being the best that was offered him. Visiting an acquaintance in Philadelphia, he found desirable em-





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ployment in that city also beyond his reach. Learning that George Tille, whom he had known at Deggenen, resided in Columbia, the ambitious young man started for that borough, which he reached in the winter of 1853. Mr. Tille was a clerk in the hardware store of Jonas Rumpie, and there the newly arrived emigrant started up the ladder of success in America. For seven months he remained with Mr. Rumpie, and at the end of that time accepted a better position with Henry Pfahler, also a hardware merchant of the borough, with whom he remained seven years. In 1858, deciding to seek his fortunes in the far West, he resigned his position with Mr. Pfahler and started overland for California. In the vicinity of Salt Lake City their camp, consisting of fifteen men, was suddenly attacked one evening by Indians. There was a vigorous defense, which gradually slackened until Mr. Bucher and one other man were the only survivors of the party. Favored by the darkness which had come on during the fighting they fled and made good their escape. Mr. Bucher finally reached New Orleans, but finding that the city was suffering from an epidemic of yellow fever, he decided to give it a wide berth, and shipped on a vessel for Havana. However, the vessel was not allowed to land, as several cases of smallpox had developed on board. He then returned to Columbia, via New York City, and re-entered the employ of Mr. Pfahler. He became owner in a patented stove, but in 1859 the patterns were destroyed by fire and he had no means to pay for new ones, consequently the stove enterprise proved a clear failure. This, however, was Mr. Bucher's first and only financial failure, and resulted in his staying with Mr. Pfahler as a clerk two years longer. In 1861 he accepted a position in the hardware store of J. W. Cottrell, with whom and his successors he remained five years. In 1866 he started in the grocery and hardware business for himself at the corner of Fourth and Locust streets, Columbia, which he continued successfully for twenty years. He also became largely interested in real estate in Columbia, and is now one of the most extensive real-estate owners there, in addition to other property, owning over fifty residences. He is a practical builder, and his houses have been constructed under his direct supervision.

In politics Mr. Bucher is a Republican, and has always given his party a hearty and liberal support. He was elected a member of the borough council in 1884, and the following year served as its president. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., having joined Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, in 1856, and has passed through all the chairs; of the A. O. M. P., with which he has been affiliated since 1874, and in which organization he has also filled all the executive offices; and of Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, B. P. O. E. As president of the Columbia Rod and Gun Club he has ably served that society, and is still one of its most enthusiastic and prominent supporters.

On Sept. 13, 1862, Mr. Bucher enlisted in Com-

pany A, 2d P. V. I., and went with his regiment to Chambersburg, where it remained until Sept. 18th, when it went to Hagerstown, and thence three miles out in the Williamsport road, where it formed in line of battle and remained there twenty-four hours. It then moved a mile farther and went into camp, but the same evening started for Greencastle, taking cars for Harrisburg, where Mr. Bucher, with the rest of the regiment, was mustered out of the service Sept. 25th. In 1863 Mr. Bucher was the eighth man drafted in the army from the First ward of Columbia, but secured exemption, as the ward filled the quota. As a subsequent draft in the same year, his name was again the eighth to be drawn, and this time he paid \$300 for exemption.

In addition to his mercantile and real-estate interests, Mr. Bucher has been prominently identified with a number of successful business enterprises. For years he has been a director of the Keeley Stove Works, of Columbia, and for a time served as treasurer of the Columbia Laundry Machine Co. He was also for a good many years treasurer of the New York Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Bucher has been an enthusiastic traveler, having visited Europe, Canada, the West Indies, and all parts of the United States. In 1880 he made an extended trip through Europe, revisiting his old home, and meeting his mother and three sisters, from whom he had long been separated. Two brothers had followed him to America, Christian in 1853, and Max in 1858, both now deceased. Mr. Bucher is one of the wealthiest citizens of Columbia, but has not, however, forgotten the Christian precepts of his early training, and the Golden Rule has guided his life. He has been generous in the distribution of his means for the public good. A kind and loving father and husband, a faithful and efficient public official, honest and just to his fellowmen, he ranks as one of Columbia's most prominent and influential citizens. He is actively interested in the affairs of life, and his beautiful home on Locust street, opposite the city park, contains a well selected library and many curios of interest. His disposition is companionable and genial, his observations keen and practical, and few men are better liked for their individual worth and personal character.

In 1860 Mr. Bucher married Miss Louisa Bartsch, daughter of Michael Bartsch, of Chestnut Hill, Lancaster county, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Mary, who resides at home; Frederick C., who is a practicing physician in Columbia, and married Miss Estella Brant; Emilie, who married Dr. J. W. Grove, and resides in Columbia; and William, a druggist in Columbia, where he has two fine drug stores.

BENJAMIN Z. WITMER, a general farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born in that township July 2, 1838, son of John and brother of David Witmer, of Elizabethtown.



The education of Mr. Witmer was obtained in the district schools, and until his marriage he resided with his parents. Following this event, he began farming on his own account on his father's land, operating the home farm for three years, moving then to his well-cultivated farm of twenty-seven acres, upon which he has remained until the present time. Mr. Witmer belongs to the Republican party. His religious connection is with the German Baptist Church.

On Dec. 23, 1880, Mr. Witmer was married (first) in Manheim, Pa., to Miss Malinda B. Garman, born in Mt. Joy township, who died May 1, 1895 and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Garman, the former of whom was a carpenter in Lancaster county, where both he and wife died. On Feb. 2, 1897, Mr. Witmer was married (second) in Mt. Joy township, to Miss Susan Kaufman, born in Penn township in 1863, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (McMullen) Kauffman, of Lancaster county. Mr. Kauffman was a carpenter by trade and was a much respected man. His death occurred in 1880, at the age of forty-two years, his wife having died in 1872, at the age of thirty-four years. They both were laid to rest in White Oak Church cemetery. Their children were: Monroe, who is a carpenter, in Brennerville; Lizzie, who married Samuel Ritter and lives in Springfield, Ohio; James, who resides in Rapho township; Henry, a farmer near Pennville, Pa.; Nathaniel, who lives in Lancaster; Katie, married to Philip Waterman, of Rickersville, Pa.; and Susan, the youngest of the family, who became Mrs. Witmer. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer have no children.

Mr. Witmer is an excellent farmer, a good neighbor and a first-class citizen. He and his estimable wife have a large circle of warm friends in their community.

**DANIEL S. VON NIEDA.** As proprietor of one of the most popular summer hotels of Lancaster county, Daniel S. Von Nieda has become acquainted not only with many citizens of Ephrata, but with a great number of intelligent and agreeable people from various States, who have found in him a model host and genial gentleman whom they are glad to call friend. The "Ephrata Springs Mountain House," located at Ephrata, is one of the most delightful summer resorts in that locality, situated near the summit of Ephrata mountain, in the midst of a large park of some 200 shade trees, and supplied with the pure and invigorating water of Ephrata Springs, which by many are considered very medicinal.

Daniel S. Von Nieda was born Dec. 23, 1844, son of the late Jacob and Catherine (Swartz) Von Nieda, of Cocalico township. The first of the Von Nieda family to arrive in America, were six brothers and one sister, namely: George, Martin, Jacob, Philip, Casper, Daniel and Catharine who left the Pfalz on the Rhine called Grammerchen in 1771.

Of these Jacob settled at Adamstown, Lancaster county, Pa. Jacob was the father of John, Rudy, Philip (2nd), Jacob (2nd), Henry, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Annmarie, and Catharine (2nd). Of the above Philip (2nd) was the father of the following children: Solomon, Philip (3rd), Jacob (3rd), Elizabeth, Susanna, and William, all of whom have passed away.

In 1812 Jacob Von Nieda (3), son of Philip (2), married Catherine Swartz, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Pannabecker) Swartz, and to them were born five children: Daniel S.; Jacob L., born in 1849, who died in childhood; J. Wesley, born in 1853, who married Sallie Boger, of Reading, Pa., and is a printer by trade; Mary Emma, born in 1856, who married Rev. M. A. Salt, of Oberlin, Pa., a minister of prominence in the United Brethren Church; and Richard W., born in 1858, a printer and publisher in Reading.

Daniel S. Von Nieda was reared on a farm in his youth, and received his education in the public schools of Adamstown, beginning his business career as a photographer. During the Civil war he served eleven months as a drummer boy in the 195th P. V. I. In 1877 he started the *Ephrata Review*, the first newspaper published in Ephrata, in which enterprise his brother, J. Wesley Von Nieda, was associated with him. In 1881 he purchased the "Mountain House" at Ephrata, and for the last twenty years has been its successful proprietor, making it one of the most desirable resorts in that part of the State. On account of the vigilance which Mr. Von Nieda constantly exerts, and also his known pronounced prohibition views, this hotel has justly gained a reputation for respectability which makes it much sought after by those of refined and exclusive tastes.

On Oct. 24, 1866, Daniel S. Von Nieda was married to Miss Sallie S. Zartman, a daughter of William and Annie (Singer) Zartman, and five sons have been born to this union, all of them children of whom their parents have reason to feel proud. These children are: Oscar L., born Jan. 27, 1871, who married Miss Sarah H. Landis, and is a farmer in Ephrata; John W., born Dec. 15, 1873, an electrician; Harry J., born March 27, 1876, who is editor of the *Ephrata Reporter*, and resides at home; Robert D., born Aug. 16, 1880, who assists his father; and Walter H., born Oct. 23, 1883, at home.

As a business man and excellent citizen, Mr. Von Nieda stands high in the community, and socially he is known as a charitable and benevolent neighbor as well as a true Christian gentleman.

**NOAH L. GETZ.** The first member of the Getz family to locate in Lancaster county, Pa., where for many years its representatives have lived honest and honorable lives, was John Jacob Getz, who came to America, in the good ship "Dolphin," and landed in Philadelphia in 1738, his home having been in Pfalz, Germany. After a short residence in this country,





he went back to Germany, but finally returned and located in Lancaster county, settling on Chestnut Hill and occupying a large extent of country, some 200 or 300 acres of the choicest land of this fertile country. Of an enterprising and progressive spirit, he favored many measures for public improvement, and in every way testified to the confidence he had in the future of the great country where he had found a hospitable home.

The family born to this emigrant forefather consisted of many daughters and one son, Jacob, who became the great-grandfather of the present representatives of the name in Lancaster county. Great-grandfather Jacob Getz owned the old homestead, and in 1818, after making proper provision for his numerous sisters, he built upon the place a large brick house and barn and suitable outbuildings, and also erected a barn upon the farm which is now in the possession of Noah L. On this same place in 1822 he built a house and also put up some buildings at the "Black Horse Hotel." The records show that he was a man of fertile mind and considerable capacity, followed farming successfully and carried on a business in the manufacture of whip stocks, which were sold in Philadelphia. His family consisted of five sons: John, George, Peter, Harry, and Jacob; the large estate was divided between them, and all settled and married in that locality except George, who was of a more adventurous and restless spirit.

Grandfather John Getz was born June 10, 1760, and died Nov. 18, 1842. He married Magdalina Gross, who was born Dec. 2, 1795, and died June 15, 1857. They owned 113 acres of the old homestead, together with thirty-seven acres of timber land, all of which now belongs to Noah L. Getz. During his life John Getz filled a number of situations acceptably, being engaged in general farming, while he also taught school, and was called upon to serve as clerk at sales, his ability putting him far in advance of his neighbors. His family consisted of a daughter, Lydia, and a son, Levi, the father of our subject.

Levi Getz was born Dec. 28, 1827, and passed out of life Feb. 20, 1896. His wife was a representative of another old and well-known, as well as numerous, family of Lancaster county, Maria L. Landis, of Manheim township. After his marriage, in 1849, he succeeded to the property and became not only a prosperous farmer, but a noted stock raiser; buying only thoroughbred stock and raising fine specimens of Holsteins, Shorthorns, Jerseys, and Devons, he was one of the leaders in this progressive industry in the county. The great and luxuriant meadows of Lancaster county made the raising of fine cattle and stock a very profitable business, and Levi Getz was so encouraged that he went into the business of improving his other stock also, introducing some of the best strains of hogs ever brought to Lancaster county.

For a number of years he was one of the directors in the Lancaster County National Bank and so much confidence was placed in him that he was se-

lected, at the death of Benjamin Landis, his father-in-law, to become the guardian of the estate, and never was a trust more carefully fulfilled, or a great business matter better adjusted. Two children were born to Levi Getz and his wife; Hiram L., a successful practicing physician of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Noah L.

Dr. Hiram Landis Getz was born Nov. 14, 1850, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county. His early education was gained in the schools of that region and then followed his professional studies in Philadelphia, where he was connected with various hospitals, was assistant and student under the noted surgeon, Dr. R. J. Levis, and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1874. He located at Marshalltown, Iowa.

In addition to his regular professional work, the doctor has been at various times connected with life and accident companies; has been county physician for Marshall county; is chief surgeon for the Iowa Central Railroad and is connected with a number of other Western roads; was for three years a professor in the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons; and has held other professional positions in the state, too numerous to mention. Dr. Getz is a frequent contributor to medical and surgical journals and has invented a number of instruments and conveniences for professional use. Besides being prominent in various State societies, he was elected president of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, 1900-01. In politics Dr. Getz is independent; he has served on many State boards and as postmaster of Marshalltown, always introducing many improvements and reforms.

On May 27, 1874, Dr. Getz married Miss Mary E. Worley, and they have two children: N. Worley, also a physician; and Igerma M.

Noah L. Getz was born April 9, 1852, and was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools, having the advantages of a short term at the Manheim Academy. On Jan. 6, 1876, he was married to Fannie H. Roher, of East Hempfield, who was born Nov. 28, 1856, and to them were born these children: Ferry R., a very bright young man, born in 1877, graduated from Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1901; Noah R., born in 1879, educated in the common schools and at present a student in the International School of Correspondence, at Scranton, Pa.; Mable R., born in 1881, educated at the Manheim High School and graduated in the class of 1899; Annis R., born in 1882, who died in 1886; John R., born in 1883, a student in the Manheim high school; Maria R., born in 1885; Henry R., born in 1887; and Roher, born in 1891.

This traces the Getz family in one line, and other information tells of the will of John Jacob, which was made in 1803, and mentions that his son Jacob was one of the keepers of the "Black Horse Hotel" and evidently erected the same. It is interesting to trace family connections with old landmarks and



much might be written which the limits of this biography would not permit.

When Noah L. Getz began life for himself he was twenty-six years old, and he and his wife settled on a tract of 120 acres of land which he had purchased from his father; and upon this place he has made his home, and added many valuable improvements, in 1879 erecting tobacco sheds and several smaller buildings, and in 1890 erecting a fine modern brick residence, which is one of the most attractive homes in the county. In April, 1896, he succeeded to the old homestead, at which time he remodeled the buildings and now has one of the largest as well as one of the best equipped farms in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Getz was the recipient of a fine property, almost adjoining the homestead, which was presented to her on her birthday, in 1899, the two together placing in the family the largest farm in Lancaster county. Mr. Getz has dealt largely in tobacco, also in walnut lumber, and is one of the largest dealers in stock and cattle in the county. Prominent in many ways, he is a member and stockholder in the Lititz Turnpike Co., and is considered one of the best representative men of Lancaster county.

**JAMES M. WILSON**, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, was born in York county, Pa., July 8, 1822, son of John and Charlotte (Watt) Wilson.

John Wilson was born in York county in 1796, and his wife was born in Chester county in 1795. John was the son of James and Eleanor (Hutchinson) Wilson, who were born in York and Chester counties respectively, and who reared a family of five children, three sons and two daughters: John, father of our subject; James, who moved to Ohio, and died there; David, who lived and died on the old homestead in York county; Elizabeth, who died unmarried in York county; and Margaret, who became the wife of John Collins, who died in York county.

John Wilson, father of our subject, first settled on a farm in York county, but in 1824 he moved to the southern part of Lancaster county, where he followed farming until his death in July, 1886, in his ninety-first year; his wife died at their home in 1874. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and were devout Christians. They left two sons: James and John D., the latter (who is unmarried) being a prominent and wealthy man of Lancaster county, whose early life was spent as a farmer, but who afterward engaged as a merchant in Drumore township; so continuing until 1861 when he was appointed deputy sheriff, and moved to Lancaster; he has also held several other offices, and is now living retired.

James M. Wilson grew to manhood on his father's farm, and was educated in the public schools. He remained on the farm until his marriage, in November, 1876, to Miss Jane Thompson,

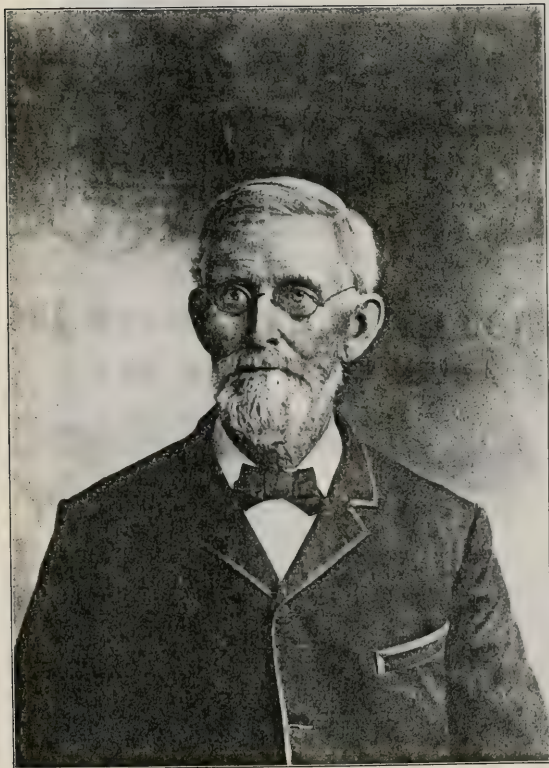
daughter of Miller and Mary (Watt) Thompson, pioneers of Lancaster county. Mr. Wilson located on his father's homestead where he remained until the spring of 1884, when he purchased his present fine farm which joins the borough of Quarryville. It is one of the well cultivated and desirable places of the section, and has a large brick residence and fine out buildings of all kinds. It was here that Mr. Wilson's first wife died, in 1892, leaving no children. In 1893 Mr. Wilson married for his second wife, Mrs. Harriet E. (Thompson) Campbell, widow of Dr. John C. Campbell, who in life was a prominent physician of the county. Mrs. Wilson was born Jan. 11, 1844, in Colerain township, whither her parents, George B. and Mary (Snyder) Thompson, of Chester county, had moved. The lady is well educated, and for twenty years was a teacher in the public schools. She had two children by her first husband: Anna D., born in 1860, who married Walter Scott, and has one child, Helen E.; and Bailey C., born in 1872, who is now a resident of Harrisburg, and has one son, John. Mrs. Wilson is the granddaughter of Francis and Mary (Black) Thompson, and her maternal great-grandparents were George and Hannah (Ross) Black, while her paternal great-grandparents were Col. James and Lydia F. (Bailey) Thompson, of Revolutionary fame. Col. James Thompson was born in Sadsbury township in 1745, and died in the same township in February, 1807. His wife, Lydia F. Bailey, was born in 1750, and died in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have no children. In religion they are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which both he and his brother have been strong supporters for a number of years. His father, John Wilson, was one of the early members of the United Presbyterian church of Martic township, and attended it for many years, holding various offices in it. Mr. Wilson has also filled positions of trust and honor in the same church, and is one of its foremost members. Volumes might be written of his Christian benevolence and charity. He is a man of integrity and honor, and well thought of by all who know him.

**HENRY CLAY GEMPERLING**, the popular court crier, lives in a beautiful home which he has erected on a part of the estate owned by his father, the late Daniel Gemperling, on East Orange street, near Ann street, in Lancaster.

Jacob Gemperling, grandfather of Henry Clay, who was a distiller and a farmer, was born near Rohrerstown; his son Daniel, who was born in Lancaster, died Nov. 13, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. The latter and his brother John, were the leading tinsmiths of the city for many years, filling many important contracts. Daniel Gemperling conducted the business on East Orange street alone to within a short time of his death, and became one of the best-known citizens of his time, owning a







*J. M. Wilson*





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large amount of real estate, and making his influence felt in business and commercial circles. Anna Hurst, his wife, was a half-sister of Elam Hurst, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, and also a sister of the mother of H. C. Demuth. From this union were born three children, two of whom, William and Anna, died in early childhood, and the only survivor is Henry Clay Gemperling.

Henry Clay Gemperling was born in the large brick mansion at the southwest corner of East King and Jefferson streets, then the home of his parents, in February, 1846, and was educated in the city schools and at John Beck's celebrated school in Lititz. When less than sixteen years old he left school to enlist in the Union army, joining Co. A, 79th P. V. I., Aug. 19, 1861, and served throughout the war, receiving his discharge Aug. 12, 1865. He took a gallant part in all the battles and skirmishes in which his command participated, and was wounded in the arm at Jonesboro, Ga., under Gen. Sherman, being promoted to the position of corporal. After the war Mr. Gemperling was captain of "The Boys in Blue," a campaign organization in the first campaign of Gen. Grant for the presidency. After Gen. Grant's election the boys in blue were organized into two military companies, A and B, and attached to the National Guard of Pennsylvania. Mr. Gemperling being commissioned captain of Co. B, both companies taking part in the inauguration of Gen. Grant as President. Until 1870 he worked with his father at the tinsmith and plumbing trade, and then removed to Ephrata, where he engaged for himself in the same lines. There he remained until March 13, 1895, when he returned to Lancaster, to become a tip-staff in the court house, very shortly being made court crier for court No. 2, and in November, 1890, he was made court crier of the courts of Lancaster county, to fill a vacancy created by the death of Joseph C. Snyder, a position which he still holds.

While living in Ephrata, Mr. Gemperling bought and remodeled a fine property. For fifteen years he was deputy coroner of the district, for nine years he was a notary public, and was the first president of the Pioneer Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company, and was acting in that capacity, when he left the borough; he was commander of Post No. 524, G. A. R., of Ephrata, for three years, and was the second man to be elected burgess after Ephrata became a borough.

While a resident of Lancaster he served as a policeman during Mayor Stauffer's first term, and is remembered as one of the best police officers this city ever had. During his residence in Ephrata he twice arrested Abe Buzzard, the noted outlaw, "putting him behind the bars." This he did as a private citizen, his fellow townsmen calling on him because of his well-known fearlessness. When thieves broke into the store of Schaeffer & Reinhold, at Ephrata, Mr. Gemperling discovered one of the thieves, arrested him, and took him to jail. This same bravery was conspicuous all through his army experiences.

Mr. Gemperling was married Aug. 14, 1869, to Miss Susan Jacobs, daughter of William Adam Jacobs, a farmer living near Beartown, Lancaster county. From this union were born four children: Anna Maria, the wife of E. E. Royer, a farmer of Ephrata township; Martha Alpha, unmarried and at home; Daniel H., a paper hanger; and Henry Clay, Jr., now at school.

JACOB H. ZIEGLER. Among the prominent and successful business enterprises of Lancaster county, the Conoy Township Creamery has taken a leading place, under the efficient management of its owner, Jacob H. Ziegler, a resident of Rowenna.

The founder of the Ziegler family in East Donegal township was Conrad Ziegler, born in 1761, who married Magdalena Schock, born in 1758; his death occurred in 1831 and hers in 1826. Their remains lie with those of other old and honored pioneers in the ancient cemetery of East Donegal. The paternal grandparents of Jacob H. Ziegler were Conrad and Catherine (Schock) Ziegler, his birth occurring in 1801, his death in 1880, while she was born in 1799, and passed out of life in 1854. Conrad Ziegler was one of the most estimable men of his time and locality, a local preacher of the religious denomination known as Dunkards, a good, pious, charitable and upright man.

Jacob H. Ziegler, the subject of this biography, was born on the old homestead Jan. 6, 1857, a son of John and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Ziegler. The former moved to Elizabethtown, Pa., in the spring of 1887, where he built a comfortable home and there died, in November, 1894, at the age of sixty-six years. During life he had been a prominent and influential man, for many years a director in the First National Bank, of Marietta and was a consistent and valued member of the Dunkard Church.

Jacob H. Ziegler was reared on the homestead and educated in the best schools of the neighborhood, remaining at home until his legal majority, when he engaged in farming in Conoy township, remaining there for four years. Returning to East Donegal, he continued in agricultural operations until 1897, when he removed into Rowenna, having purchased the Conoy Township Creamery, in 1895. This business was established in 1885, by a stock company, and although, for some years it prospered, negligence had permitted it to run down, and in 1895 it was sold at public sale, Mr. Ziegler being the purchaser. His judgment told him that if properly handled, the business could be made a very paying one, and he has proven the truth of his belief.

The marriage of Jacob H. Ziegler occurred Dec. 17, 1878, in Pequea township, to Miss Barbara Hess, and to this union were born: John H., who operates the milk station for his father, in Harrisburg; Mary; Ivan; Barbara; Alice, deceased; Jacob; and Arthur. Mrs. Ziegler was born on the old homestead of her parents, May 25, 1858, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Herr) Hess; the father



was a farmer of prominence and wealth, and was the treasurer of the New Danville and Lancaster Turnpike from the time it was proposed until his death, and he was one of its principal promoters. He was interested in all progressive movements in his section and was instrumental in the building of the United Zion Church, of which he was a member. His life ended in 1808, at the age of seventy years, his wife having passed away in 1879, and both of them were buried in the Penquea Church cemetery. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hess were: Martin H., residing on the old homestead; Barbara; Henry, a farmer of Conestoga township; Marv, who married John W. Eshleman, of Reading, Pa.; Jacob, a farmer of Lampeter; Fanny, who married Aaron B. Hess, the superintendent of the Chemical works in Lancaster; and Susan, who married Martin Rutt, of West Donegal. Mr. Ziegler lost his first wife, and was married again, on May 11, 1868, to Ella M. daughter of T. C. and Emma Fradenek, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In politics, Mr. Ziegler votes independently. Without doubt, he is one of the most intelligent men of the township and is interested in every measure looking toward the development of his section. For six years he served as school director, and owns one of the most complete private libraries in Lancaster county. He well represents the best class of citizens of this part of the State.

DANIEL D. HERR is the eldest living representative of the male branch of the fifth generation of a family whose name has ever commanded respect throughout Lancaster county. He himself is a man of active brain and rare business ability, but of this more will be told in a subsequent paragraph. The old homestead in Lancaster township, near Millersville, has remained in the possession of the family for more than a century, and it was there that our subject was born Feb. 28, 1845.

His father, David S. Herr, whose mother's name was Anna Shenk, was born in the same house, June 14, 1816. He began farming for himself on a small parcel of land in Leacock township, purchased for him by his father. There he lived for four years, when he purchased—from the estate of his uncle, Christian Herr—the farm which is at present owned by his son, Daniel D., where the latter conducts the Fairview Nurseries. From 1843 until 1866 David S. Herr remained in this location, and in the latter year he removed to the house which is now occupied by his son John. He is now in his eighty-eighth year, but is still active and vigorous. While not able to do the day's work of fifty years ago, his inborn aversion to idleness renders it easy for him to find some out-door occupation, suited to his years and strength. On Oct. 6, 1840, he married Elizabeth Dentlinger, who was born Feb. 13, 1823, and died Aug. 12, 1867. The issue of this union was one daughter and three sons. Fannie, the eldest of the family, was born Dec. 12, 1841; she married John L.

Gamber, of Manor township, and is now a widow. Daniel D., was the second child and eldest son. David D., was born Oct. 27, 1848, and is a retired farmer, of Hempfield township. John D., the youngest of the family, was born May 20, 1852; he, too, is a farmer, and is also a tobacco dealer.

Daniel D. Herr, the subject of this necessarily brief sketch, is best known to the commercial world as the proprietor and manager of the Fairview Nurseries, to which reference has been already made. His farm, on which they are located, lies two miles west of the city of Lancaster. It embraces 134 acres, of which forty are devoted to uses indicated. He commenced general farming in 1865, but some inborn predilection inclined him toward fruit growing, and he read with avidity as well as shrewd insight and a retentive memory, all the literature bearing on that topic on which he could lay his hands. As a result, when in 1876 he started on his "new departure," it was with a mind theoretically well equipped. His beginning was modest, yet he succeeded from the first, and to-day he carries stock of the highest class, and finds a ready market in every quarter of the United States. Besides the farm on which his nurseries stand, he owns three others, in Manor, Fulton and Manheim townships, yet the care of his large and constantly growing business absorbs all his personal attention. He is also a large stockholder in various industrial and financial enterprises, among them the Manor Township Fire Insurance Co., and the Farmers' Fencing Association. As was the faith of his ancestors, so is his; he is an earnest member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He takes a deep interest in public affairs, and is ever ready to aid any well matured project promising the promotion of the general welfare. He takes especial interest in education, and has been a member of the school board for fifteen years.

On Nov. 27, 1866, Daniel D. Herr married Adeline Harnish, who was born Aug. 18, 1848, a daughter of Michael S. Harnish, of Manor. Their union has been blessed with four daughters; Fannie, Annie, Elizabeth and Emma. The youngest is unmarried and lives at home with her parents. Fannie married Isaac Neff; Annie is the wife of William R. Rutt, of East Hempfield township; and Elizabeth is Mrs. A. E. Einkley, of Manheim.

FRANK GERBER PENNELL, the efficient and popular postmaster of Mt. Joy, Pa., is also one of the city's prominent business men, and a highly esteemed citizen.

Mr. Pennell was born July 31, 1840, in Warwick township, near Rothsville, a son of Thomas Wilson and Christian (Gerber) Pennell, the former of whom was a native of Chester county, and the latter of Lancaster. In 1830, the father, Thomas W. Pennell, came to Lancaster county and settled in Warwick township, where he followed milling and pump-making, and in 1888 came to Mt. Joy, in order





to pass his last years with his son. Since 1852 his residence had been in Marietta, where he was well known and where he died in 1860, and many old friends remembered him with esteem and lamented his death, although he had far outlived the age allotted by the Psalmist. His wife died in 1843, at the early age of twenty-seven years. Although she had been reared in the Presbyterian Church, she became connected later with the Lutheran Church. The two children of this marriage were Frank and a little sister, Mary, who died at the age of four years.

The second marriage of Thomas Wilson Pennell was to Catherine Bear, who died in 1804, at the age of seventy-five. The children born of this union were: Amanda, who married S. N. Enswiler, a machinist of Marietta; Sarah, who married Samuel Fisher, of Columbia, Pa.; and John, of Mt. Joy, who is associated with Frank G. Pennell in the carriage and wagon-making business in Mt. Joy.

The paternal grandparents of Frank G. Pennell were Hon. Benjamin and Jane (Wilson) Pennell, of Chester county, who were leading members in the Presbyterian Church in that locality. They came to Lancaster county and located in Lancaster in 1830, and Mr. Pennell soon took a prominent part in public affairs. His trade was that of wool carder, but his appointment to the office of justice of the peace in Warwick township had absorbed much of his time. During 1841-3 he was a member of the Legislature, and his last days were spent in teaching school, as he was a man of superior attainments. His death was in Lancaster, in 1864, at the age of eighty, his wife having passed away in October, 1866, at the age of eighty-four. The maternal grandparents passed their lives in Lancaster, where Jacob Gerber was long held in respect.

When Frank Gerber Pennell was three years old his young mother passed away and he was taken to the home of his grandfather Pennell, who at that time was teaching school. Under the watchful care of his grandfather he was well instructed, and he remained with him until 1847, when his father married again, and Frank returned home. At the age of twelve, however, he entered the cotton mills in Lancaster, where he worked for the following four years and served an apprenticeship, covering three years, as a silver plater. His choice of work, however, was found in Mt. Joy, in a wagon and carriage-making shop, where he put in practice his knowledge of nickle plating.

About this time came the outbreak of the Civil war, and among those who quickly answered the call for troops was Frank G. Pennell, who connected himself with the U. S. Marines and was in continual service for four years. Until the fall of Vicksburg he served in the Mississippi squadron and then was sent to the Atlantic squadron, but later was transferred to the Pacific squadron, and was honorably discharged at Mare Island, Cal. He re-

turned home, where he found his old situation awaiting him, and there Mr. Pennell remained until 1891, when he purchased his present place of business, where he conducts wagon and carriage-making in the most modern style of manufacture.

Although closely attending to his regular business, Mr. Pennell has found time to take much interest in the affairs of his city, and for three years served as clerk of the council; a justice of the peace for four years, he conducted the business pertaining to that office with efficiency, but resigned in the middle of his last term. In 1873 Gov. Hartranft appointed him a notary public and he continued to serve in that capacity until July, 1899, when he was made postmaster of Mt. Joy, by President McKinley. An ardent and active Republican, he has done valiant work for his party and takes an important position in its deliberations.

On Feb. 16, 1868, Frank G. Pennell and Charlotte Smaling were united in matrimony, and the children born to this marriage are: Thomas, who died in infancy; Emma, a young lady, at home; Catherine, who died in infancy; Frank, who is associated with his father in business; and Alberta, a young lady, at home. Mrs. Charlotte (Smaling) Pennell was born in Mt. Joy, May 6, 1840, a daughter of George and Catharine Smaling, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a wagon maker of Mt. Joy.

Since the age of twenty-one Mr. Pennell has been connected with the I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the other social orders of Red Men, K. of P., and of the G. A. R., of Mt. Joy. As a public official he has given universal satisfaction, and is regarded as something of a leader, being a man of high character, who has proven his loyalty to both friends and party.

IKE FRANCE, whose careful study and practical experience in the line of insurance make him one of the best informed men on that subject in the State, was born at Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, England, in February, 1853, son of Mark France, an agricultural laborer.

The lad attended school until he was seven years old, when he was employed in a brickyard carrying bricks, and from that time to the age of thirteen he served as a stable and errand boy on the farm where his father was employed. He was then apprenticed to learn the currier's trade, so continuing until he was twenty-one. When he was nineteen, his father died. Continuing at his trade until he was twenty-three, Mr. France was compelled to seek a change of occupation on account of failing health. Entering the services of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., of London, he became a field agent in the Huddersfield District (Yorkshire) and devoted some years to the thorough canvass of his native town and surrounding villages. While employed there he was engaged among two hundred insurance agents to come to this country by the Metropolitan Life In-



urance Co., of New York City, and to introduce the system of Industrial Life Insurance amongst the working classes of the American people. Arriving in New York, July 26, 1880, he was sent as assistant superintendent to Lowell, Mass., thence to Haverhill, Mass., and Manchester, N. H., and finally to Boston, working in that end of the State for eight years. For three years he was superintendent in West Philadelphia, and was then called to Worcester, Mass., where after three years as superintendent in that district he was transferred back to Philadelphia, where he met with a severe trolley car accident while performing his duties, and this necessitated rest for about a year. When again able to resume work, he was sent to a smaller field of labor, spending a year in the Hudson, N. Y., district; and on Feb. 2, 1897, he came to Lancaster as superintendent for his company and which had not as yet had a satisfactory business from this city. Mr. France studied the local conditions, and determined to win a business for his company that would be in every way satisfactory. His earnest work wrought a great change. Instead of three assistant superintendents he had five, instead of fifteen agents he had twenty-nine; instead of collecting weekly \$894.04, he had in (April, 1901) \$1,483.49, in the same territory, in weekly collections, and on which had been collected \$2929 of advance collections in premiums not then due from members. The intermediate policies—never less than \$500, and as high as the applicant cares to go—were increased to \$70,500 in four years, with a goodly number of \$10,000 policies outstanding. Mr. France made a most admirable record in the four years he was the Metropolitan's superintendent here. In April, 1901, after a period of long continued sickness, and three months short of completing twenty-one years' service, he was placed on the retired list by the company he had so long represented, and was given a most liberal pension as a reward for faithful service.

In religious faith Mr. France is a Wesleyan, and in fraternal relations a Mason, and a member of the Commercial Traveling Men's Association. While as thorough an American as though he had been born here, he never forgets nor belittles the glorious country from which he sprang, and is a typical English-American. In the eastern suburbs of Lancaster he has invested in a beautiful home, and he has made himself honored and respected in this, the city of his adoption.

**SAMUEL STONEROAD**, a retired farmer of New Providence, is one of the leading men of Providence township, and its largest taxpayer. Mr. Stoneroad was born Feb. 2, 1828, in Lancaster county, son of Thomas Stoneroad, who was accidentally killed while engaged in digging a well.

Thomas Stoneroad, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, of German parentage, and during his life was considered one of the best millwrights in his lo-

cality. His son Thomas was born in 1790, became a millwright also and engaged in farming. He had seven children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: John, Henry, Susan and Samuel, but all of them have passed away with the exception of Samuel.

Samuel Stoneroad was only seven years old when his father met with his tragic death, and soon after this event his mother also died. His education was very meagre, and was obtained with great difficulty, consisting of interrupted attendance during the winter seasons in the public schools of his locality, and from an early age he was obliged to care for himself. That he possessed unusual ability must be acknowledged, for from that unfavorable beginning Mr. Stoneroad worked as a farmer, saved his money, and now in advanced years is one of the most substantial men of that part of the county, owning two of the best farms in Providence township, one containing ninety-six acres and the other seventy-two acres, and paying a larger tax than any other citizen.

On Feb. 10, 1848, Mr. Stoneroad was married to Miss Annie Mower, daughter of George Mower, of Strasburg township, and two children were born to this union, namely: Thomas, born in 1849, who died at the age of seven years; and Franklin, born the year previously, who is the farmer for his father. He married Miss Emma Winters, and they have one son, Samuel, and one daughter, Anna. Mrs. Samuel Stoneroad died in 1882.

Mr. Stoneroad has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, and he is highly respected in his community for his honest and upright character.

**JOHN R. BITNER**, who passed away Aug. 20, 1897, was for an ordinary life time one of the most conspicuous figures in Lancaster, no man there being more prominent in banking and business circles. He was born in Lancaster Aug. 7, 1826, a son of Abraham Bitner.

Abraham Bitner, whose ancestors were of German origin and among the early settlers of Pennsylvania, was born in 1791 in York county. By trade he was a carpenter, but he was a chairmaker and flour merchant in Lancaster most of his active business life. Religiously he was a member of and officially connected with the German Reformed Church of the city. He married Elizabeth Porter (1799-1856), also a member of the same church. Their children who reached manhood and womanhood were: Anna R., wife of George Dietrich; Jacob; Sarah W.; John R.; Charles Augustus; Abraham; Benjamin F., of Trenton, N. J., who died Dec. 13, 1902; David P.; and Mary M. All have passed away except Abraham, of Lancaster.

John R. Bitner received his early education in the schools of Lancaster, and at the age of thirteen be-







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gan learning the trade of cabinetmaking, at which he continued until 1846. For one year following he was in the employ of the State railroad. In 1847, in company with his brother, C. A. Bitner (trading as John R. Bitner & Bro.), he purchased a few cars and established a fast freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia, the cars being run on the State railroad, and subsequently on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. Their business increasing, additional cars were placed on the road from time to time, until they were the owners of some thirty cars, which they ran in transporting and forwarding merchandise over the railroads of this and other States. They were the leading firm in their line in this section of the State, and did a thriving business from 1857 until the dissolution of the partnership, in 1874. In the year 1848 they had also become engaged, in connection with their freighting business, in grain operations, and in shipping grain to different points in the East, which afterward developed into a prosperous trade. In 1854, with others, they were interested in building the Eden Paper Mills, and had large interests in the same. In 1855 they built a steam flouring-mill in Lancaster, which had a capacity of 150 barrels per day, and which they continued to operate until 1863, when, owing to the large demands made for supplies to the Union army, and a consequent need of storage room, they took down the mill to make room for an extensive warehouse on the same site.

John R. Bitner & Bro. were large contractors for the Government during the war, furnishing supplies to the army, and their transactions were so satisfactory that at the close of the conflict the Government applied to them for supplies for the old army stock until it could be disposed of. In 1865 they were members of the company that built the Fulton cotton mill, but they disposed of their interest in it four years later; they were also members of the company that built, the same year, the Printers' paper mills at Binkley's Bridge (which were burned in November, 1882), in which John R. Bitner retained a large interest for years. The firm of John R. Bitner & Bro. continued their freighting business until 1874, when Mr. Bitner purchased his brother's interest, continued it alone until 1882, and sold out the business to the Pennsylvania Railway Company.

Mr. Bitner was one of the original founders of the noted summer resort Ocean Beach, on the New Jersey coast; a director in the New Egypt, Farmingdale & Long Branch railroad, of New Jersey, for some time; and in 1865, in company with others, founded a forwarding and commission house at No. 811 Market street, Philadelphia, in which he retained a partnership until 1870. He was a member of both branches of the Lancaster city council for several terms; served for three years as prison inspector for Lancaster county; as director of the Lancaster County National Bank some seven years; as director of the Quarryville railroad; and in February, 1882,

was one of the organizers of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, of which he was chosen president.

On April 26, 1852, Mr. Bitner married Fianna, daughter of David Wiedler, a farmer of Lancaster county, and they had the following children: Jacob S.; Lillie W.; Mrs. J. C. Martin, who died June 30, 1881; William H.; D. Edwin; Anna M.; Abraham; Alfred F.; and Helen O. Mr. Bitner passed away universally beloved and most deeply regretted; but it is a source of satisfaction to his friends that his son, Abraham, now occupying a responsible position in the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, should be so closely connected with a financial institution of which his father was one of the organizers, and, at the time of his death, the honored head.

**HENRY E. MILLER.** The family of Mr. Miller is an old and honored one in Lancaster county. His grandfather, who was also named Henry, was one of three brothers who settled near Salunga about the time of the war of the Revolution. He was a large land owner, successful farmer, and a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He lived to be nearly seventy years old, and at his death enjoyed the confidence and respect of the entire community. He married a Miss Sherk, whose father was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of the Chickies, near Salunga. He pre-empted and patented several large tracts of land, and built two mills upon the stream named. One of these is still known as the Sherk Mill, the other as the Garber Mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller six children were born. The eldest, John, was the father of Henry E., who is now the head of this branch of the Miller family. He was born Oct. 15, 1767, and died Sept. 23, 1850, a farmer and a man of influence. He was long a member of the school board, and served for many years as supervisor. He was a Whig in politics, and like his father, a Mennonite in religious faith. On March 22, 1825, he married Elizabeth Erb. She was born Nov. 6, 1804, and died Aug. 20, 1862. They were the parents of eleven children: Emanuel, born Jan. 11, 1826, who died in infancy; Daniel, born May 22, 1827, who died Oct. 23, 1865, at Elizabethtown, Pa., where he had been first a farmer and then for many years an innkeeper; Susanna, born Feb. 10, 1820, the wife of David Weaver, of Manheim; Henry E.; John E., born Aug. 22, 1833, who learned the trade of a tailor and is a cutter at Portsmouth, Ohio; Andrew, born April 8, 1836, who died at the age of one month; Elizabeth, born April 29, 1837, who died Feb. 16, 1839; Joseph E., a farmer of Columbia, Lancaster county, born Sept. 5, 1840; Reuben E., born Oct. 14, 1842, a day laborer at Salunga; Catherine, born Oct. 21, 1844, the wife of Levi B. Zug, a farmer living near Lititz; Elizabeth, the youngest child, born Feb. 7, 1847, who died Aug. 22, 1863.

Henry E. Miller was born Nov. 10, 1831. His





early educational advantages were of the limited character at that time afforded by the common schools, and even of these he was deprived at the age of sixteen years by the failing health of his father, which compelled his supervision of affairs upon the farm. He was barely nineteen when his father died and the farm and personality connected therewith were sold, and he, with his mother, erected another house, which was their home for eleven years. His filial devotion was constant and unshaken and its memory is one of his precious recollections as the fading hues of life's sunset begin to illumine his later years. On Dec. 23, 1862, he married Amelia K. Miller, daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth H. (Kauffman) Miller, and to her unselfish devotion and unwearied aid he attributes much of his success in life. She was born May 20, 1842. In the year succeeding his marriage he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Hiram K. Miller, in the conduct of a general store at Petersburg. At the end of two years the firm dissolved and Mr. Henry E. Miller removed to Salunga, where he opened a store of his own. He remained there for three years, engaged in trade and holding the office of postmaster, and at the expiration of that period returned to Petersburg, where he lived in retirement until 1871, when he removed to Lititz, and has since made his home there. Shortly after coming there, he erected a store at the intersection of Broad and Orange streets, which he stocked and personally conducted until 1882. In that year he disposed of his business, leasing the realty for four years. Still retaining his residence at Lititz, he opened and operated a store at Ephrata, which he successfully conducted for four years. In 1886 he sold this, and, returning to Lititz, resumed business in his old building, the lease of which had expired. After eight years, having concluded to retire from business, he once more disposed of his establishment and since 1894 has not been engaged in any active occupation. For three years he and his family lived in apartments above the store, which he retained for his own use, but in 1897 he erected a handsome, modern residence on Broad street, which is his domicile to-day. About the same time he sold the store property in which he had so long carried on business and which had been for so many years his dwelling place. In addition to conducting a general store, Mr. Miller was for two years largely interested in packing tobacco, and has been to a considerable extent engaged in buying and selling horses, being exceedingly fond of a good steed and an extremely good judge of equine excellence. He has, moreover, erected several buildings of his own, thereby gaining an experience which admirably qualified him for the supervision of the public buildings, a task which he has been frequently called upon to perform; for nine years he served upon the school board and for six years was a member of the municipal council, and in these capacities had charge of the construction of numer-

ous edifices for public use. He was one of the organizers of the Lititz Bank and for years one of its directors. At present (1900) he is a member of the directorate of the Northern National Bank of Lancaster. Politically he is a Republican; he and his family are members of the Moravian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller two daughters have been born,—Mary Amanda and Bessie Maud. The elder was born June 28, 1866, and is the wife of Jacob G. Rinwold, the proprietor of the "Lancaster Hotel." She is the mother of four children, Grace, Henry, Chester and Frank. Bessie Maud, the younger daughter, was born June 12, 1869. She married Frank D. Leinbach, of Robesonia, Berks county, a coal and lumber merchant. They are the parents of one son, Louis.

Mrs. Henry E. Miller is the grand-daughter of John and the daughter of Tobias M. Miller. Her grandfather was for many years proprietor of an inn at Marietta. He was born March 14, 1786, and died in his eighty-eighth year. Her father, Tobias M., was one of a family of seven children born to John and his wife, Susanna. Maria, the eldest, married a Mr. Zellers; Elizabeth died in childhood; John was a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia shoe house and died at Chicago; Samuel (commonly known as "Captain") was a retired hotel keeper and died in Marietta in 1807; Benjamin died at Newport, Pa.; Henry passed away at Medway, Ohio.

Tobias M. Miller, the youngest child of John, and the father of Mrs. Henry E. Miller, was born March 8, 1815. He was a merchant tailor of Petersburg, where he carried on business for twenty years. He died Nov. 27, 1856. His wife, Elizabeth H. Kauffman, whom he married on May 26, 1836, was born Feb. 16, 1816, near Petersburg. The last years of her life were spent with her daughter, Mrs. Henry E. Miller, at whose home she entered into rest Oct. 22, 1866, at the age of four score years. To Tobias M. Miller and his wife three children were born, Hiram K., Mary Amanda and Amelia K. Hiram K. was born Dec. 6, 1837; he was a farmer, merchant and tobacco packer of Petersburg, and died Feb. 11, 1896. Mary Amanda, born March 16, 1839, married on Dec. 6, 1856, Benjamin Metz, of Clarence Centre, Erie Co., N. Y. Amelia K., Mrs. Henry E. Miller, was born May 29, 1842.

JOHN F. LEECH, long and favorably identified with the agricultural interests of Bart township, Lancaster county, where he made an enviable reputation for himself as a practical and successful farmer, was born in Sadsbury township, Oct. 4, 1837, and is a son of John G. and Maria (Rockey) Leech. The father was born in Lancaster county, in 1797, where the mother also was born, in 1801. They were married in this county in 1820, and located in Sadsbury township, where the father followed the butcher business until he purchased the family home in Bart township in 1840. This farm he greatly im-



proved, building him a stone house and a fine barn, and there he remained until his death in 1860. His widow made her home with her son, John F., until her death in 1890.

John G. Leech was the son of George and Elizabeth (Hastings) Leech, who were both born in Gap, Lancaster county. He was a son of Francis Leech, who came from Ireland before the Revolution, and settled at Gap, where he married Isabella Griffith, who belonged to a wealthy Quaker family of Lancaster county. They settled at Gap, where he owned a fine farm property. George, their son, and the grandfather of John F., built the hotel property, which is still in use in Gap; there he died, leaving five sons and two daughters. (1) William died a single man. (2) George, born at Gap, married a Miss Caldwell, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he lived and died. He was a prominent lumberman, and at one time served as sheriff of the county. He was father of the following children: George, Hiram, Hugh, James, Robert, Mary J., Amelia and Susan, all of whom are married and settled in Clearfield county, with the exception of Mary, who married and moved to the West. (3) Francis married and moved to Jefferson county, where he died. (4) Thomas married a Miss Rockey, a sister of the mother of John F., and settled on a farm in Sadsbury township, where he died, leaving a family, all of whom are now dead. (5) Anna Leech and (6) Elizabeth Leech were unmarried, and died at Gap, both at the advanced age of ninety years.

(7) John G. Leech, the father of John F., left a family of ten children. (1) William was born in 1821, married Mary Homsher, and settled in Philadelphia, where he was engaged in a contracting and building business for many years. Later in life he moved to Pomeroy, Pa., where he was engaged as a merchant and a general business man until his death in 1890. One of his sons is the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pomeroy. The children of this family were: John S., of Pomeroy; William H., of Philadelphia; Lewis, of Pomeroy; Emma, who died at Pomeroy, a young woman of character and culture.

(2) Jacob Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1823, married a Miss Griffith, of Philadelphia, where they lived at the time of her death. His second wife was Miss Margaret Watson, of Chester county. They still reside in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in business. Their children are as follows: Susan, who married Harry Bailey; Anna, the wife of John Phenegar, of Philadelphia; Belle, the wife of Charles Stacey, residing in Philadelphia; Emily, who married Harry Kendrick, of Philadelphia; Thomas, married and living in Philadelphia, where his brother George also lives.

(3) George Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1824, married a Miss Catherine Phenegar, of Bart township, who moved with him to Ohio during the Civil war, and there died, leaving the following fam-

ily: Susan, Malinda, Mary, Sarah and George. Mr. Leech married for his second wife Miss Emily Powers, of this county, and returned to Ohio, where he still lives. Of the four children born to this union, Maggie is the only one living.

(4) Anna E. Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1820, married Albert Rhea. They lived and died in Philadelphia. Their son, Sylvester, still lives in that city.

(5) Mary J. Leech, born in 1830, died in an early and promising young womanhood.

(6) Thomas J. Leech, born in 1832, married Miss Prudence Wilson, of Philadelphia, where he is now living a retired life, after a very successful career as a business man. They had four children: Jefferson, Frank, Louella and Gertrude.

(7) Catherine Leech, born in 1834, is the wife of William Ashby, of Chester, Delaware Co., Pa., and is the mother of Emma; Lillie, the wife of Caleb Cantrell; Ella, the wife of Robert Stainon; and Anna, all of Chester.

(8) Susan Leech, born in 1836, married Joseph Miller, of Russellville, Chester county; she has since died, leaving one son, Joseph Dewees.

(9) John F.

(10) Johanna Leech, born in Bart township in 1841, married Charles Wright, of Bart township where they now reside.

John F. Leech was reared in Bart township, where he secured his education in the home schools. Until 1850 he remained on the home farm, when he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in business. In 1860 he came back to the old home in Bart township, and in 1861 enlisted in the Union Army, as a member of Co. B, 70th P. V. I., at that time under the command of Col. Ham-bright, of Lancaster. The regiment was mustered into service at Camp Curtin, joined the Army of the Tennessee, at that time under Gen. Thomas, and later served under Gen. Sherman in his celebrated March to the Sea. Mr. Leech was engaged in the battle of Perryville and in a number of minor skirmishes. After Bragg's retreat from Kentucky, the 70th was in active service until it brought up at Nashville, after much heavy fighting all through that campaign. It fought seven days continuously at Murfreesboro, and was in the thickest of the battle at Chattanooga. In the first day's fight at this last battlefield, Mr. Leech was wounded in the groin by a minie ball. On account of this injury he was detained for a long time in the military hospital at Nashville. On rejoining his regiment Mr. Leech was again wounded at Bentonville by shell, and his recovery was regarded as little less than a miracle. Until the close of the war he was under treatment in the military hospital at Goldsboro, North Carolina, when he was sent to Washington in time to participate in the grand review with his regiment. Mr. Leech was mustered out in that city.

Mr. Leech returned to the old home, and took





charge of the farming operations, caring for his aged parents as long as they lived. He was married Dec. 13, 1866, to Miss Rachel Davis, of Paradise township, a daughter of Walter and Rachel (Ferree) Davis. She was born in Sadsbury township, near Gap, Dec. 1, 1830, and was educated in the Bart schools. Her father, who was born in Ireland, came to this country when a young man, and married Miss Rachel Ferree, the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth (Slaymaker) Ferree. These families may be traced back to the early days of the country. Walter Davis settled in Paradise township, where he spent the greater part of his life in farming. In his later years he moved to Bart township, where he resided at the time of his death in 1853. His widow lived until June, 1886. Five of their children are still living. Mrs. Leech is a descendant of one of the first white families to reach Lancaster county. Mrs. Mary Ferree was a widow who came from France with her children in 1704, and is supposed to have been the first white woman that settled in Paradise township. Of the children of the Davis family still living, Elizabeth is Mrs. Jacob Rife, of Bart township; Sarah Davis married William Hamer of Bart township, and removed to Harrisburg; Joseph F. Davis is now a resident of Paradise township; Rachel is Mrs. Leech; Susannah Davis is the wife of Daniel Sheesley, of Harrisburg, and has a family of five children.

After the marriage of John F. Leech he became the possessor of the old Leech homestead, where he and his wife have lived to the present time. They have a family of six children.

(1) Amy, born in Bart township, in January, 1858, was educated in the local schools, and graduated from the Millersville State Normal School. For eleven years she has been a successful teacher in the Lancaster county public schools.

(2) Ella, born in July, 1869, married Frank Trout, of Bart township. They now live in West Virginia, where he is engaged in business as a merchant. They have two children, Marian and William Ferree.

(3) William Ferree, born in April, 1872, became a machinist, and is now employed in the oil fields of California. (4) Jacob H. Leech died when nineteen years of age. He was born in 1874.

(5) Anna M., born in 1876, was educated in the home schools, and later was a student in the Philadelphia Shorthand University where she became adept in shorthand and type-writing. She has spent sometime as shorthand writer in different offices of Philadelphia.

(6) John M., born in 1870, was reared at home, and became a clerk in the Nickel Mines store for some time. Later he was a shipping clerk in Lancaster, and is now carrying on a store of his own at Buyerstown. He is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Leech are members of the Methodist Church of Georgetown. In politics he has always been a Republican, and for seventeen years has been school director in Bart township. He was ap-

pointed by the Government to look after the interests of indigent soldiers in this district. Mr. Leech is regarded as a man of sterling worth and genuine character, and enjoys a host of friends.

JOHN A. BURGER has for many years been known as one of the most prominent contracting builders, not only in Lancaster and vicinity, but throughout the State. Although not actively engaged in business now, as in previous years, he is still interested in building as the head of the firm of J. A. Burger & son.

Mr. Burger is a native of Allendorf, Prussia, born Dec. 20, 1828. His father, Philip Adam Burger, whose birth occurred in the same province, was a farmer, and followed that occupation till called to his reward. He married Elizabeth Seelbach, who was born in the same locality, and to their union came five children. John A. Burger, the only member of the family now living, was reared in his native land, where he received a good education. At the age of thirteen and a half years he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he served two and a half years, and later worked as a journeyman carpenter. He contrived to escape the military draft. For a year he was employed in Dusseldorf, on the Rhine, and in the spring of 1849 he embarked on a sailing vessel, leaving Bremen Feb. 24th, and landing in New York City on the 1st of May. For about three weeks he worked in the metropolis, and then came to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaged to work with B. B. Martin, in Millersville. In 1852 he became a contractor and builder, and for eighteen years was engaged in erecting barns and residences for the settlers of Manor township. He put up the largest barn in the county, a two-story building, 90x120 feet in size, on the farm belonging to Christian B. Herr. In 1869 Mr. Burger came to settle permanently in the city of Lancaster, and soon became recognized as the most prominent builder and contractor in the city. Among other buildings which he has erected in Lancaster are two of the largest school-houses, and six other school buildings; and four market houses, situated in the eastern, western, southern and central parts of the town, respectively. Two churches, and many ware-houses, store and office buildings, show marks of his handiwork. He erected the Trust Company's building and the People's Bank, both of which are as fine structures of their kind as are to be found in the State; and he also built a number of the residences of the leading citizens, among them those of the late John Keller, John D. Skiles, B. B. Martin, B. F. Eshleman, William D. Sprecher, D. P. Locher and George D. Sprecher. He also built the "Stevens House." Between the fall of 1875 and the following year Mr. Burger erected fifteen buildings for the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, besides which he put up the large Opera House on Broad street, Affenbach's garden and the dwelling of





*John Adam Burger*





Mr. Lockard, superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad. During that summer he had in his employ about five hundred men, and the superintendence of so many buildings in course of construction at the same time told severely on his health. He has since taken life more moderately, and has not engaged in works of such magnitude and importance. He built the place known as Burger's Block, in which he still owns five buildings, and also other property in different parts of the city. In 1889 Mr. Burger's son, Adam N., became a partner in the business. They have built an industrial school in Port Deposit; the Thome Institute; the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Scotland, Franklin Co., Pa.; the new Chester County Insane Asylum; and, during 1901, erected large buildings in Harrisburg and Coatesville.

In 1852 Mr. Burger was married, in Millersville, to Miss Elizabeth Neff, who was born in Baden, Germany, daughter of Christof Neff, who died in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Burger had five children, of whom two are still living: Adam N. and Frances E. The former was educated in the State Normal School at Millersville, and at Franklin and Marshall College, where he was a student for two years. His marriage to Miss Anna C. Miller has been blessed by the birth of two sons, Robert and Charles. Frances E. was married Jan. 2, 1900, to Dr. Milton Ursinus Gerhard, of Lancaster. Mrs. Burger passed to her reward June 1, 1893.

In religious connection Mr. Burger is an active member of the First Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican. He has been a director in the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for a number of years.

MILTON URSINUS GERHARD, M. D., who married Frances E., only daughter of John A. Burger, was born in Bucks county, Pa., where his father, the late Rev. W. T. Gerhard, was then stationed. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster and Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1871. After teaching four years (two of them in Lancaster) he read medicine with the late Dr. John L. Atlee, Sr., he being that distinguished surgeon's last student. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1877. After acting as assistant in a private sanitarium at Canandaigua, N. Y., for three years, Dr. Gerhard became first assistant in the State Insane Asylum, at Harrisburg, remaining there ten years and then removing to Lancaster, where he permanently located in January, 1900. He makes a specialty of the treatment of nervous diseases and inebriety, in which he has had much experience, and in the relief of which he has been far more than ordinarily successful.

Dr. Gerhard and his wife make their home with Mr. Burger, at No. 43 South Prince street. Mrs. Gerhard has for some years taken her mother's place as the head of the home, which, as the wife of Dr. Gerhard, she still gladdens.

JOHN MECK. The pioneer of the Meck family, in Lancaster county, Pa., was Nicholas Meck, who left his home in the village of Beyrland, Germany, far back in 1755 and sought a new home among the fertile lands of the State of Pennsylvania, locating in Lancaster county, where he found the Lefever family already settled. Of them he purchased 103 acres of meadow and timber land and this property has been cultivated and improved for five succeeding generations and kept jealously in the hands of the family.

Nicholas Meck was the great-grandfather of the present representatives of the name, and followed farming through a long life. His son, Philip Meck, came into possession of the homestead, and added to the family property, at the time of his decease owning three of the best farms in the county, two of them situated in West Lampeter, and one near Petersburg. His standing was high in the Lutheran Church, and he had the respect of his fellow-citizens. He married Catherine Ament, and they reared a family of four children: John; Jacob, a farmer, who died at the age of fifty; George, the father of the present bearer of the name, a farmer, who lived to be eighty-eight years old; and Catherine, who married Jacob Lefever, of West Lampeter, and lived to be almost eighty years.

Grandfather Philip Meck was a soldier of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war and suffered all the deprivations and trials incident to those stormy times, bearing himself gallantly all through the struggle. His son George, was born and reared in West Lampeter, and lived an honest, industrious life, the last twenty years of it in retirement. In his younger days he cut a great deal of wood and engaged in the manufacture and sale of wooden pipes for the conduct of water, these being much used in various ways on farms. His farming operations brought him ample returns, and at his death he was regarded as one of the township's most substantial men. A consistent member of the Lutheran Church for many years, he became attracted late in life to the pious and simple observances of the Mennonite Church.

George Meck married Martha Nuding, born in Germany, who came to this country with her father, John Nuding, and lived to the age of seventy-five years, becoming the good and devoted mother of nine children: Catherine, deceased, who married (first) Amos K. Raub, and (second) Frederick Neff; Mary, now a widow, who married John Furry, and moved to Ohio; Martha, married to Josiah Swinehardt, of Wayne county, Ohio; George, deceased; Philip, a resident of Lampeter; John, a resident of West Lampeter township; David, a farmer, who died at the age of sixty-one; Susan, the widow of Samuel Wycker, a resident of Bart township, and Lydia, the widow of Jacob Burkholder, of West Lampeter.

John Meck was on the old homestead, Ang.



9, 1831, and grew up a farmer boy, receiving his education in the public schools of his district. At the age of twenty-two he decided to engage in farming operations for himself; and in 1890 he married Maria Flouser, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brackbill) Houser, and then located on the farm which they so long occupied, this being pleasantly situated in West Lampeter township, four miles south-east of Lancaster City, and consisting of sixty-nine acres, where he successfully followed farming until the time of his death. Two sets of buildings are upon this place, one of these, the more modern, having been erected in 1885, by Mr. Meek.

Three children were born to John Meek and his worthy wife: George H., who is a farmer on his father's place, is married to Amanda Douer, and has four children, Ralph, Stella, Earl, and Paul; Jacob A., a farmer of East Lampeter, who married Mary Rohrer, and has three children, Edna, Ada and Rohrer; and Lydia E., living with her mother.

On March 25, 1901, John Meek passed away, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his influence, always in the direction of temperance, education and morality, is much missed in the community. He and his wife were both exemplary members of the Old Menmonite Church. Since his death his widow and her daughter have lived in the village of Lampeter.

MARTIN MILLER, for many years a prominent farmer citizen of Lititz, Lancaster county, where he was living retired at the time of his death, was born Aug. 20, 1823, on the home farm in Mannheim township, and was educated in the district school.

John Miller, father of Martin, was born Jan. 16, 1707, and died Nov. 4, 1883. By his marriage in 1822 with Charlotte, daughter of John Weidler, of Mannheim township, he became the father of the following named children: Martin; Mary Ann, widow of Jonas B. Nolt, residing on North Duke street, Lancaster; Andrew, who died in early childhood; Susan, who also died when a child; and Lavinia, wife of Aaron H. Summy, of Lancaster. The mother of these children died in February, 1882.

Martin Miller assisted on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old, then married, and two years later purchased a farm of 160 acres about one mile northwest of Lititz, which he made into a model place. He resided upon it until 1868, when he turned it over to his son, and retired to pass the remainder of his years in ease and comfort at Lititz.

Mr. Miller was four times married. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1846, was Miss Catherine Johnston, a daughter of Benjamin Johnston; she was born near Lancaster City, and died in 1868, at the age of forty-four years, leaving one child, Johnston Miller; he became one of the leading farmers in Warwick township, though later he removed to Lititz and followed the insurance business. He

married Miss Emma Minnich, and became the father of three children, John M., Bessie and Emma. He died in 1891.

The second marriage of Mr. Miller took place in 1874, to Mrs. Ann (Wallace) Wise, widow of Christian Wise. She died in 1879, and in 1884, Mr. Miller chose for his third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Shirk, widow of Isaac Shirk. Mrs. Elizabeth Miller passed away in 1896, and in the fall of 1897, Mr. Miller contracted his fourth marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Minnich, widow of John Minnich, and daughter of James and Eleanor (Leslie) Stillwell. They lived in quiet contentment in Lititz, where his death took place Aug. 28, 1901. He was a member of the German Baptist Church, as is also his widow.

Mr. Miller was a stockholder in the Lancaster County Bank, and in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, as well as in the Lancaster Trust Company, the Lancaster Electric Light Company, the Lititz National Bank, and the Ephrata & Lancaster Turnpike Company. He never failed to invest his means in any enterprise that gave promise to increase the benefits and prosperity of his township and county. In politics he was a Republican from the time the party was founded.

HOFFER. With the best development of Mt. Joy township the name of Hoffer has ever been connected; Lancaster and adjoining counties have had more than one occasion to be grateful to some representative of the family bearing that honored name.

Matthias Hoffer, from whom the Hoffers in this county are descended, was born in Klein Heunigen, Canton Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 24, 1718 (old style), and immigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 2, 1743. He married Maria Wohlweider, daughter of a farmer, and settled near Mannheim. The wife died Jan. 25, 1778, leaving six sons and six daughters. Mr. Hoffer subsequently married a second wife, who bore him five sons and one daughter.

John Hoffer, fifth son of Matthias, married Barbara Long, and resided in Londonderry, now Conewago township, Dauphin county, where he died Dec. 4, 1837. He was the father of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom Samuel, George, John and Joshua, all settled in this locality and reared families. Their descendants are still living in this and adjoining counties.

John (2), fourth son of John, married Mary Reider, and resided in Conewago township, Dauphin county, where he died May 21, 1866. He had three children: Isaac, of Lebanon; Jacob R., of Mt. Joy; and Mary, widow of Rev. William Hertzler, residing in Elizabethtown. Isaac was the first mayor of Lebanon, Pa. He died Feb. 18, 1893, leaving three sons, Amos (since deceased), John and Allen, and one daughter, Mrs. George S. Bowman.

JACOB R. HOFFER was born on a farm in Dau-





In county June 23, 1823. District schools in those days afforded but meagre opportunities for acquiring an education, but young Hoffer took every advantage of such as they were. He also attended Brown's School at Mt. Joy, and later James' Academy in Philadelphia. His early ambition turned toward the printer's trade, but circumstances compelled him to pass his young manhood on his father's farm. His uncle, Squire Samuel Hoffer, of Conewago township, Dauphin county, was a man of considerable learning and high reputation, who had established himself as a surveyor and scrivener; and having taken a fancy to his nephew Jacob, Squire Hoffer gave him a thorough understanding of the intricacies of his profession. This Mr. Hoffer continued to follow until 1864, when ill health compelled him to abandon a work that required such great physical endurance; he conducted a notion store to the time of his death, and also, true to his early predilection, he turned to the printing office, in 1864 becoming proprietor of the *Mt. Joy Herald*, which had been established by Mr. F. H. Stauffer in 1854. Although not a practical printer, Mr. Hoffer soon gained a thorough knowledge of the details of the business, and during his career as editor and proprietor of the *Herald* he greatly advanced the standard of journalism in his locality. He was broad and liberal in his views, and gave to the public a paper clean and wholesome; conservative in his expressions, he was a wise moulder of public opinion, and the farmers and business men all held him and his paper in high esteem. Since his death, his sons, John E. Hoffer and Uriah E. Hoffer, are conducting the paper for the estate.

Jacob R. Hoffer was united in marriage with Martha Engle. His death occurred April 15, 1892, and of his children two sons and five daughters survive: John E., Uriah E., Mary E., Rebecca and Hannah, all of Mt. Joy; Helen, of Philadelphia; and Annie A., wife of Dr. C. G. Gabel, of Lancaster.

**HENRY S. RUTTER**, a retired farmer and tobacco packer, is a director of the Gap National Bank, and has his home in Intercourse, Pa. He was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Oct. 15, 1836, and is a son of Eli and Elizabeth (Skyles) Rutter.

Eli and Elizabeth Rutter were married Oct. 25, 1832. They were of Leacock and Salisbury townships, respectively. Mr. Rutter operated a hotel in Leacock township, and was a farmer four years in Williamstown, where later he was a merchant for some fifteen years. At the expiration of that period he retired. He was born Sept. 17, 1806, and died Dec. 30, 1878; Mrs. Elizabeth Rutter was born Feb. 26, 1805, and died Aug. 21, 1884; both were buried in the cemetery of Christ Church at Intercourse, Pa. Mrs. Rutter was a member of Christ Church. To them came the following family: Harriet A., born May 20, 1834, who is the widow of John Hess, a farmer, and lives at Gap, Pa.; Henry S.; Hannah

E., born May 4, 1839, living at Intercourse, the widow of George Diller, at one time a hotel man and a drover; Jacob R., born Nov. 14, 1842, who married Maggie P. Lincoln, and is a farmer at Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Rutter were Jacob and Hannah (Trout) Rutter, and they were married Jan. 21, 1800. They were farming people, and also kept a hotel in Intercourse many years. Jacob Rutter was born April 24, 1769, and died April 10, 1845, while his wife was born Aug. 6, 1779, and died Oct. 6, 1850; both were buried in the Cemetery of Christ Church at Intercourse. They had the following family: Elizabeth, born Oct. 22, 1800, married to George Rutter; Mary, born May 25, 1802; Uriah, married to Eliza Baker; Eli, who died Dec. 30, 1878, in the seventy-third year of his age; Anna L., who died Feb. 14, 1865, in her fifty-sixth year, unmarried; Sarah, who died Oct. 29, 1883, at the age of seventy-one years, nine months and twelve days, the wife of John Miller; Rachel, born Sept. 24, 1816, married to John Varnes; Hannah V., who married Harvey Varnes, of Washington, D. C., and is now dead.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Rutter were Henry and Rebecca (Dunlap) Skyles, of Salisbury township, where he was engaged in business, both as a farmer and a potter.

Henry S. Rutter was married March 7, 1865, in Williamstown, Pa., to Miss Sarah E. Eckert, by whom he has had the following family: Blanch, who died at the age of eight years; Laura J., an invalid, at home unmarried; Hannah, who married Adam Diller, a farmer and a drover at Intercourse, Pa., and who is the mother of four children: Elizabeth, who married Tobias Leaman, of Gordonville, Pa., and is the mother of one child; Sarah, married to Harry Weiler, a clerk in a store in White Horse, Pa.; Harry E., a merchant at New Holland, unmarried; Jacob P., a hardware clerk, living at home; Etta E., at home; Chauncey E., a druggist in Lancaster, Pa.; Howard L., at home.

Mrs. Sarah E. Rutter was born in Leacock township in 1842, and is a daughter of Jacob K. and Hannah (Varnes) Eckert. Mr. Eckert was a farmer, and died in 1863, at the age of sixty-four; his widow died in 1870, at the age of sixty-nine years; both were buried in the Rolands Cemetery in Earl township. They were the parents of the following family: Rev. John V., a Lutheran preacher, who died in 1808; George, living retired in Lancaster; Susannah, married to Jeremiah Selldorridge, a retired farmer of Leacock township; Lewis, now of Philadelphia; Henry, deceased; Mary A., late wife of Robert Hoar; Sarah E.; Jemimah, the widow of Henry Harsh, living in Lancaster; Evaline, deceased wife of Josiah Zook; Rebecca, married to Moses Hess, of Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

Henry S. Rutter remained on the paternal homestead until he was eighteen years old, when he





went to White Horse, Pa., and was employed two years as a clerk by William Bunn; then he went to Williamstown, Pa., where he was engaged with Harry Worst two years in the mercantile business. At the expiration of that time, in company with his father, he bought out Mr. Worst, and operated the stand until 1865. That year his brother Jacob bought his father out, and the two were in partnership until 1871. That year Jacob retired from the firm, and Mr. Rutter was alone in the business for some two years, when he sold the store to Harry Brackbill. Moving to Leacock township, he bought a farm, where he remained until 1880, and in that year came to Intercourse and began business as a tobacco packer. At present Mr. Rutter has retired from both farming and the tobacco packing industries and is enjoying in his latter years a well-earned rest.

Mr. Rutter belongs to the Knights Templars; in politics is a Democrat, and holds a prominent position in the community. His personal qualities have won him friends, while his business abilities have made him wealthy.

ABRAHAM HAINES POWDEN, Esq., of No. 49 North Duke street, is one of the most promising young members of the Lancaster Bar, and is a striking illustration of what the American youth can accomplish even in the face of most adverse circumstances. He was born July 24, 1876, at Altoona, Pa., son of A. H. Powden and Margaret Young. His father was employed at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Altoona, and died there three months before his son's birth; his mother dying when her boy was only sixteen months old, the young orphan was brought to Lancaster by his grandfather, Isaac B. Powden, who is a wholesale dealer in cigars and at this time is still traveling about on business of his house, though over eighty-four years of age. His grandmother was Elizabeth Haines. He was kept by his paternal grandparents until he was four years of age, at which time, upon the death of his grandmother, he was placed in the care of a paternal uncle with whom he had his home until he was eight years of age, and at whose instance he was sentenced to the House of Refuge at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Poor, and almost friendless, young Powden was presented on the day of his sentence to the House of Refuge, with a silver dollar, by a gentleman of Lancaster, and encouraged by that kind act, he resolved to secure an education and become a lawyer. How bravely and successfully he clung to that resolution and purpose is now a matter of record. The silver dollar is carried by him to-day, and is treasured above all his other possessions, bearing an inscription from whom the coin came, to whom it was given, and under what circumstances.

Through the efforts of his new benefactor and other friends who took up his cause, he was

released from the House of Refuge at the end of three weeks, and placed in the Children's Home at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained until ten years of age, at which time he went to live with Samuel C. Frantz, at Rohrerstown, where he worked on the farm during the summer and attended school in the winter, and remaining with this kind-hearted family until he was sixteen years of age. Striking out for himself at that age he secured a position in a general merchandise store at Mechanics Grove, where he remained one year, and then returned to Lancaster as a clerk for Ezra F. Bowman & Co., wholesale jewelers, with whom he spent four years. Clerking during the day, he pursued special studies by night, giving much attention to Latin, under the tutelage of a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College.

Upon the financial failure of the firm of Ezra F. Bowman & Co., young Powden entered the law office of C. Reese Eaby, Esq., and after faithful study passed his preliminary examination, Dec. 10, 1897, and was admitted to practice Sept. 15, 1900. He also holds a commission of Notary Public, and is a member of the Superior and Supreme Courts of this state.

Mr. Powden is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster, and also a trustee of White Cross Commandery No. 150, Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta. In politics he is a staunch Republican and very active.

No man of his years has worked more industriously or systematically than this bright and progressive young member of the legal profession. Mr. Powden is a man of genial and courteous address, honest and upright as the day is long, and has won a host of friends, who justly prize his many qualities and genuine work.

DAVID L. MILLER. Through its numerous descendants and by marriage and inter-marriage with leading families, the Miller name is well known all over Lancaster county. A worthy representative of this family, who resides in affluence in Mt. Joy, retired from active business life, is David L. Miller, a highly esteemed citizen, and one who for the past ten years has been a director of the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy.

Mr. Miller was born in Conoy township, July 16, 1834, a son of David and Anna (Longenecker) Miller, the former of whom was well known in the county and township, acting many years in the capacity of school director. He died in 1887, at the age of eighty-two, after several years of retirement; his widow survived until 1894, and both were buried in Donegal township, old and prominent members of the Mennonite Church.

The children of David and Anna Miller were: Elizabeth, who married Abraham Martin, a farmer of Conoy township; Fanny, who married Henry Metzgar, of Dauphin county; Anna, unmarried, a resident of Conoy township; Christian, a retired farmer of





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Conoy township; David L.; John, who died young; Henry, a retired farmer of West Donegal township; Barbara, who married John Erb, a farmer of Dauphin county; Mary, who married Andrew Stoner, a farmer of Conoy township; Leah, who married Jacob Erb, a farmer in Kansas; Abraham, a farmer of West Donegal township; Martin, a farmer of Conoy township; Samuel, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; and Mattie, deceased, who married Amos Zimmerman. The paternal grandparents were Ernest and Elizabeth Miller, of Ephrata, and the maternal grandparents were Christian and Fanny (Breneman) Longenecker, of Lancaster county, all of these being old and leading families of the greatest financial stability, and of honorable standing in their several communities.

One of a large and happy family, David L. Miller grew up in his comfortable farm-house home, surrounded by the good influences which a pious father and mother brought into the household. His education was acquired in the public schools, and until he was twenty-two years old he remained under the parental roof. For some years he then operated a rented farm, but later, at the time of his second marriage, purchased a farm in Rapho township, and there became a prominent farmer and a leading factor in township affairs, for three years giving his services as school director and doing much for the encouragement of education.

The first marriage of Mr. Miller was in 1858, in Lancaster, to Fanny Garber, a daughter of John and Catherine (Seachrist) Garber. Mrs. Miller was born in West Donegal township, where she lies buried, having died on March 1, 1861, at the age of twenty-three. Her children were: John, who married Fanny Heaston, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; and Fanny, who died young. The second marriage of Mr. Miller was in 1863, to Leah Nissley, and to this union has been born this family: Anna, who resides with her parents; Barbara, who married Amos Stauffer, a miller of East Donegal township; Mary, who married Harry Miller, of Mt. Joy; Milton, who resides on the old farm, in Rapho township; and Elizabeth, who married F. B. F. Hoffer, a hardware merchant in Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Leah (Nissley) Miller was born in East Donegal township, Aug. 30, 1835, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Kridler) Nissley, the former of whom was a well-known preacher in the Mennonite Church, and also a farmer. His birth occurred July 22, 1802, and his death in 1893, after a long life full of good deeds. The beloved mother had preceded him many years before, her death taking place in 1851. Both were buried in the cemetery of the Donegal Mennonite Church, where he had ministered for forty years.

The children born to Rev. Peter and Catherine Nissley were: Mary, who married Rev. Solomon Swartz, a U. B. minister in Dauphin county; Esther, who died at the age of twenty-one; John K., de-

ceased; Leah, who is the only survivor of her family; Christiann, who died unmarried; Barbara, who married C. F. Hostetter; Catherine, who died when but seventeen; and Annie, who died at the age of two.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller was Rev. Christian Nissley, of Donegal township, where he was for many years a Mennonite minister of prominence. He married a Miss Graybill and they had three sons, John, who became a deacon in the Mennonite Church; Hon. Jacob, a farmer, who also became an Assemblyman from this county; and Peter, the father of Mrs. Miller. On the maternal side the grandfather also was a minister, the Rev. John Kridler, who married a member of the Denlinger family, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Miller is a staunch Republican, and is one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church, with which the family has so long been prominently connected.

CHARLES RYNEAR, now a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Upper Dublin, Montgomery county, Nov. 10, 1822, a son of William and Sarah (Spencer) Rynear, both of whom were born in Montgomery county, where they were married. For some years they lived in what was known as the Indian Settlement, near Rochester, N. Y., and then moved to Oxford, Chester county, to engage in a hotel business for several years. The last few months of his life, William Rynear spent at Dry Wells, in Eden township, Lancaster county. After his death, his widow with her four children moved to the "Old Trap Tavern" on the Newport road in Bart township. She later became the wife of Frederick Rogers, and made her home at Georgetown. There she died, leaving one daughter, by her second husband, Catherine, now the wife of Arthur Stewart, of Georgetown.

Charles Rynear is the oldest child born to his parents. Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, was born in New York. She married Peter Ibaugh, a machinist, who died several years ago. She lives in Christiana and has five children: Sarah, Spencer, George, Bruce and Louis. The second daughter, Harriett, married Isaac N. Lewis; both have passed away, Mr. Lewis on July 20, 1891, and his wife May 11, 1896. They had three children, Ellen and Jenette, deceased, and William E., of Harrisburg. The fourth child of William Rynear was Jonathan Rynear, who was born in Montgomery county, and became a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in a company formed in Juniata county, and made a good record, both as a gallant soldier, and a loyal and devoted citizen. After the war he married in Juniata county, where he still resides. They have three children; Sarah, Edwin and Charles.

Charles Rynear was reared to manhood in Lancaster county, and given a somewhat limited education. After the death of his father much of the care of his younger brother and sisters fell on him. Mr.



Rynear was married in January, 1849, to Rachel M., the daughter of Henry and Eliza A. (Swisher) Keylor, one of the prominent families of Bart township.

Henry Keylor was born in Germany in 1792, and his wife in Colerain township, in September, 1809. She was a daughter of John and Rachel (Woodrow) Swisher, who had their home in Colerain township, and came of Swiss parentage. Henry Keylor was married in 1827, and established his home on a farm in Bart township, where he lived until a few years before his death. He bought a home at Nine Points, where he died in 1875. His widow passed to her rest in 1891.

To Henry Keylor and his wife were born five children. (1) Rachel, who is Mrs. Rynear, was born in May, 1828, and was given a very fair education in the public schools of the day. (2) Martha E., born in 1830, the widow of Joseph Clark, lives in Chester county, near her four children, Henry, Harland, Jennie and Walter, Oscar and Samuel C. having died. (3) Elizabeth J., born in Bart township in December, 1832, is the widow of Robert A. Ferguson, and still lives at Nine Points with her two daughters, Nora and Ellen; Ellen is the wife of Samuel McComsey of Philadelphia. (4) John J., born in 1834, married Jane McClure, and has a home in Mechanicsburg. They have three children, Dr. Walter M., Lillie E. and William J. (5) Jacob K., born in 1837, married Rebecca Rutter, of Bart township, where they live on their farm. They have five children, Howard, Maggie J., Ella, Adam and Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rynear settled at their present home in 1849; on this place he has made extensive improvements, clearing over a hundred acres, erecting a good set of farm buildings, and developing one of the choice country homes of Bart township. To them have come two children.

William B. Rynear, who was born in 1851, married Anna M. Keylor, a daughter of Milton Keylor, of Colerain township. They reside in that township on their fine farm, with their two children: Rebecca A., and Spencer C.; Rebecca A. is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Millersville and is now teaching.

Margaret J. Rynear, the daughter, was born in 1854, and is the wife of William Hollis, a prosperous farmer of Bart township.

Mr. Rynear is associated with the Friends. He is a Democrat, and has held the position of school director for fifteen years, also serving one term as supervisor of Bart township. Mr. and Mrs. Rynear have lived to see Bart township grow from almost a wilderness to its present rich and prosperous condition, and their industrious and useful lives have contributed much to the welfare of the community.

ABRAM KLINE has for many years been one of the most prominent residents of Lancaster county, his active connection with numerous enterprises of interest and benefit to that section early bringing him into favorable notice, and he has throughout

life sustained the highest reputation for honor and integrity in every association. No citizen of Manheim has shown a more progressive spirit, or more enterprise in undertaking and carrying on to completion whatever he thinks will promote the welfare of the town; and he is equally interested in the well being and prosperity of his friends and neighbors, a fact which accounts for the confidence displayed by them in intrusting him with public affairs.

Mr. Kline is a native of Lancaster county, born June 17, 1828, near Silver Spring, in East Hempfield township, where his father, Jacob Kline, was also born. Jacob Kline spent his early life in his native township, and at the time of his death was a resident of Schoeneck, this county. He was first engaged as a stone mason, later as a farmer, and acquired a comfortable competence. In religion he was a devout member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Kline married Miss Susan Hiestand, who, like himself, was of German descent. She was the third in order of birth of the large family of John Hiestand. The later was an extensive land owner near Landisville, and one of the first distillers of his region.

Abram Kline passed his early years on the farm, remaining on the old homestead until he was fifteen years of age. His education was received in the local schools. He learned carpentering and cabinet-making, serving first with G. W. Peters, of Columbia, this county, and completing his apprenticeship, which covered a period of four years, with Rabe & Leib, in Philadelphia. On his return to Lancaster county, he was engaged at his trade by John Dyer, of Manheim, continuing this until he determined to try merchandising. Mr. Kline's first experience in this line was with P. & G. Arndt, and he subsequently was sent to Mt. Joy as the representative of Philip Arndt, of P. Arndt, Shaffner & Co., lumber dealers. Returning to Manheim in 1851, he purchased an interest in the business of P. & G. Arndt, and for four years was one of the most prominent business men in the place, finally disposing of his share in the concern to enter other fields in Philadelphia. There he remained over fifteen years, becoming a member of the firm of Stein, Wanner & Co., extensive importers and jobbers of china, glassware and queensware; from this he retired because the multiplicity of demands upon him was affecting his health. During this time he invented an improvement on a glass fruit jar, which brought him \$21,000. In 1871 Mr. Kline returned to Manheim and embarked in the business which has since claimed his attention; his lumber yard has the reputation of being the best equipped along the Reading and Columbia Railway. A gentleman once remarked that it was the best organized yard in the State. The capacity for shadding lumber is half a million feet. The hardware store, located on the corner of Stiegel and South Charlotte streets, has a frontage of twenty-two feet on the latter, and extends to a depth of 100 feet. The store room extends forty feet along





Charlotte street, the front being entirely of glass. A heavy stock, of all kinds of hardware, is carried, and the establishment enjoys a large patronage from Manheim and the surrounding country.

Mr. Kline is the largest real estate owner in Manheim, and he has erected a number of modern houses, all of them a credit to the owner and an improvement to the section of the town in which they are located. Thus Mr. Kline's enterprise has benefited the town, as well as brought him prosperity, for his undertakings have all been on an extensive scale. Though he has been wholly successful in business his reward has been well merited, for no man has carried a higher standing in financial circles. His ability and tact are manifest to all who have had dealings with him. For a number of years past Mr. Kline has been ably assisted by his son, Charles A. who has proved himself capable and energetic in every respect.

As a public-spirited citizen Abram Kline has long been recognized as one of the leaders in the town. His influence has always been on the side of progress, whether promoting new business enterprises or advocating public improvements, and his careful and judicious management of his own affairs inspired confidence in his ability to handle the affairs of the municipality. His alertness and quickness of perception have been evident on more than one occasion, and, being backed by good judgment, his opinion on all subjects is eagerly sought and valued. The part he has taken in borough affairs is well known. When he was burgess the streets were improved by being graded, curbed and macadamized. He is one of the originators and is president of the Manheim Building Association; one of the incorporators and president of the Manheim Fairview Cemetery Association; one of the original subscribers to the Manheim and Lititz turnpike, and likewise to the Manheim and Sporting Hill turnpike; one of the incorporators and directors of the Manheim Fire Insurance Association; president of the Manheim Water Company, an unusually successful enterprise which paid a dividend from the start, and the stock of which is now at a premium. While in Philadelphia Mr. Kline served four years as a member of the city council, representing the thirteenth ward: he was one of the most prominent members in that body, and his value was recognized by his appointment to positions on the committees of Finance, Schools, Water, and the Girard Estate, House of Correction and others. He always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the city. One of the original Centennial committee, he went to Washington frequently with that body to have the exposition go where it went, New York City at the time having made a lively contest for the great enterprise. He has always been an active Republican in politics since the days of Fremont. In 1883 Mr. Kline thought it best for the party to vote for John Stewart for Governor, and

accordingly took an active interest in that notable campaign.

Shortly after the war broke out Mr. Kline left Philadelphia with a militia company, and served in the command that was stationed at Hagerstown, guarding the government stores during the engagement at Antietam. In 1863 he was again mustered into the United States militia service for ninety days, and was with the command that guarded one of the South Mountain approaches near Funkstown. He is a member of Gen. Heintzeiman Post, G. A. R.

In 1852 Mr. Kline was united in marriage with Miss Caroline E. Arndt, daughter of Philip Arndt, of Manheim, and three children blessed this union, namely: Mary E., wife of H. H. Gingrich, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Lititz; Ida A., wife of Wayne A. Ensminger; and Charles A. The family residence, in East High street, is one of the finest in the city, and Mr. Kline, who does not now attend so closely to business, passes many pleasant hours there among his books. From youth he has been an earnest member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served many years as elder, and he is one of the most active workers in the Sunday-school, having taught the Bible class for some years. All the religious and benevolent enterprises of the town receive his hearty approval and substantial encouragement. Indeed, there is nothing of interest or good to his fellow men which Mr. Kline does not uphold, and his approval is never passive, invariably manifesting itself in some practical way. He is a warm friend and is beloved by many in the city of his adoption.

REV. HENRY REED SMITH, who was, by marriage, a member of a family which had been very prominent in the Episcopal ministry for nearly a century in and about the eastern part of Pennsylvania, was for ten years pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, at Compassville, Chester county, where he endeared himself to the people by his many noble traits of character, and by the fine ability which he displayed in the pulpit.

Rev. Henry R. Smith was a native of the town of Lancaster, where he was born Nov. 14, 1833. He suffered death while bathing at Beach Haven, N. J., Aug. 21, 1875, he at that time being a resident of Gwynedd, Montgomery county. Rev. Smith was the eldest child of Richard S. and Mary S. (Trissler) Smith, of Lancaster, the former of whom came to Lancaster when a young man, and engaged in the drug business. When the son, Henry, was but one year old the family removed to Philadelphia, where the father continued the drug business. They were members of the Episcopal Church, and were greatly respected. Their children were: Henry R.; William J., a professional nurse now living in Philadelphia; Mary D., who married Rev. Henry C. Pastorius, a Protestant Episcopal minister at Lansford, Pa.; and Sarah and W. Atlee, who died young.





Rev. Henry R. Smith was reared to manhood in the city of Philadelphia, where he was given a thorough education, and where he remained until 1862. He was not trained for the ministry in youth, but for a business career, which he entered early, and was for fifteen years with Horstmann & Sons, large manufacturers and importers. His qualifications and temperament were such, however, that his friends urged him to prepare for the ministry, and he, therefore, took a course in Theology, and was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church. His first charge was St. John's Church, Compassville Chester Co., Pa., where he settled in 1862, and where he remained for the following ten years. Owing to failing health, he then retired from the active duties of the ministry and removed to Gwynedd, Pa., at which place he resided at the time of his death.

On April 24, 1862, Rev. Smith was married to Grace Clarkson, in the Epiphany Church, Philadelphia, just prior to settling in his ministerial work. Their children were Clarkson, born June 2, 1863; Henry R., born March 17, 1865; Emery S., born Dec. 26, 1867; and Isaac Diller, born Aug. 15, 1872. Of these Clarkson and Isaac Diller died in youth; and Henry R. and Emery S., both unmarried are electricians. Mrs. Smith removed to Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., just after the death of her husband, but in 1880 came to Lancaster, her native place, where she enjoys the society of old friends. She was born in Lancaster, a daughter of Gerardus and Susan (Trissler) Clarkson. Gerardus Clarkson was born in Wilmington, Del., while his father Rev. Joseph Clarkson, was minister of the Old Swedes Church, of that city. Mr. Clarkson was for a period of forty years connected with the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster, the latter part of which service was as cashier, and he was a man of fine business ability and held in high repute in the business circles of the city. He retired a few months prior to his decease. Both he and his wife lie buried in St. James Church cemetery, of which church they were leading and prominent members under Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, both of them being remembered as having been especially distinguished for their beautiful voices and which were for long years heard in the choir of St. James Church. Their children were: Joseph, deceased in 1889; Edward, retired and living in Northampton county; Gerardus, deceased in 1867; Robert deceased in 1879; Samuel, deceased in 1894; Mary, widow of Thomas W. Henderson, living near Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa.; Grace (Mrs. H. R. Smith); Susan, residing in Washington, D. C., and the widow of Miles Roch, a renowned scientist and geologist who died in Guatemala City; and Michael, the youngest child, who died in 1890. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Smith were Rev. Joseph and Grace (Cook) Clarkson, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of New Brunswick, N. S. He was one of the early ministers of the Episcopal Church in Lancaster and was ordained by the eminent and scholarly Bishop William A. White on his

return from England. Rev. Joseph was a son of Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, an eminent physician of Philadelphia in his day.

DAVID CHARLES HAVERSTICK, the veteran pressman in the city of Lancaster, and who for many years has been superintendent of the *Examiner* press rooms, is of the fourth generation of Haversticks in Lancaster county.

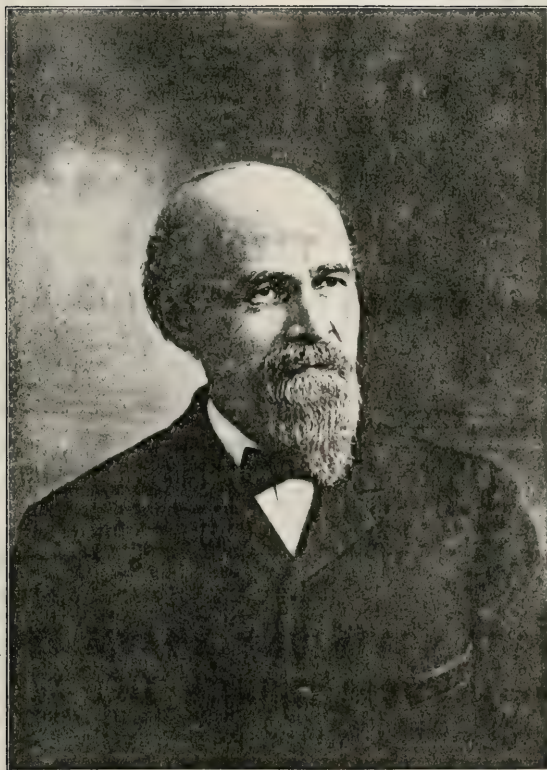
Col. Michael Haverstick, his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and came to America when twenty-three years old, making the voyage in the ship "Europa," Capt. Lunsdaine, from Rotterdam, and landing in Philadelphia Nov. 17, 1741. He came to Lancaster county and was naturalized in 1751. He located on the Conestoga creek, between Wabank and New Danville. He was the father of six sons and four daughters, viz.: William, Jacob, Michael, Rudolph, John, Matthias, Mary Elizabeth, Barbara, Catharine and Ann Mary. In 1775 he was chosen one of the committee of observation of Lancaster county. He served in the army of the Revolution, and rose to the rank of colonel. Himself and family were members of the Reformed Church. He died in 1793, when seventy-five years of age, leaving an estate (as per his will) valued at \$7,000. He is buried in one of the private graveyards in the vicinity of his home.

Jacob Haverstick, the grandfather of David C., lived along the Conestoga creek, near Wabank, in this county, and there was born David Haverstick, the father of David Charles. David Haverstick married Sarah Ann Warfel, daughter of a farmer of New Danville, and eight children were born to them, five of whom are yet living: Lydia A., widow of Abraham Lind, of this county; Margaret, wife of George E. Zellers, master mechanic of cotton mills No. 2 and No. 3, Lancaster; David C., of whom we will more particularly write; Edward, a corporal in the 122d P. V. I., who died in the service in 1863; Cyrus, who died in early manhood; Benjamin, a soldier in the United States army, and now stationed in San Francisco; Rolandes, now deceased; and Mary Jane, widow of James Strachan, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

David C. Haverstick was born in 1838, in Strasburg township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of his birthplace. At the age of thirteen years he came to Lancaster city, and in 1854 entered the old *Express* office as an apprentice to the printing business, and soon became an expert pressman. He has been superintendent of the press room of the *Express* (now merged in the *Examiner*) for more than forty years, his only absence from his work being when he was serving nine months as fifth sergeant in the 122d Regiment, P. V. I.

In 1865 Mr. Haverstick was married to Miss Anna St. John, a native of Baltimore, Md., and daughter of Taylor and Rebecca St. John, who came to Lancaster from Connecticut. To this union five

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children were born, as follows: Edward Linnaeus, who died in 1872 in early childhood; Myra St. John, a well known and talented teacher and elocutionist, a graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, who died in 1892; Miss Bertha St. John, living at home; Aimee St. John, wife of Rev. H. S. Shelley, pastor of the Reformed Church at Willowstreet, Lancaster Co., Pa.; and Ernest Warfel, born June 1, 1878, now engaged in the jewelry department of the Hamilton Watch Co., Lancaster.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Haverstick, however, has never taken any active part in political affairs, although frequently urged to do so. Outside of the church he belongs to the Y. M. C. A., the City Bible Society, and the Mechanics' Library Society and G. A. R. He is a member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he has also been an elder, and secretary of the consistory of same for twenty or more years; and he was superintendent of the Sunday-school for a long time. He has been secretary of the Lancaster City Bible Society some eighteen years, vice-president of the Mechanics' Library Society, and was president of the Lancaster Y. M. C. A. for nine years, during which he did yeoman service in wiping out the debt of the old Association building. In all the walks of life—in social intercourse, in church, in newspaper circles, and among the community at large—no man commands and receives higher esteem than does David Charles Haverstick.

**JONAS H. NOLT**, a highly respected retired general farmer and tobacco raiser in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, now residing in Columbia, was born on his present farm Jan. 4, 1840, his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nolt being also natives of this township.

Jacob Nolt was reared as a farmer, and agriculture was the pursuit of his life. He died in West Hempfield township in 1880, when sixty-eight years old, but his wife survived until 1894, when she passed away at the age of seventy-two years, in the faith of the Dunkard Church, the remains of both being interred in Silver Spring Cemetery. Their children were but three in number, and they were born and named in the following order: Jonas H., whose name is mentioned above; Mary, who died unmarried in 1866; and Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township. The Nolt family for generations back, engaged in farming, and the present generation on both sides is no exception to the rule.

Jonas H. Nolt was united in marriage, in Lancaster, in 1866, with Miss Elizabeth Heise, a native of West Hempfield township, and a daughter of Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise; of whom more may be learned by referring to the sketch of B. Frank Heise, her brother, to be found elsewhere. This happy marriage of Jonas H. and Elizabeth Nolt has been blessed with four children, two of whom, however, died in infancy; Paris was called away at the early age of ten years; and Harvey, born Sept. 7, 1872, now making his home under the

parental roof-tree, was married June 18, 1901, to Mary A. Grove, who was born near Mountville, in West Hempfield township, July 1, 1878, daughter of Abraham H. and Fannie (Garber) Grove.

Jonas H. Nolt has always been of domestic, as well as of industrious, habits, and he has ever been content to make his present farm his lifelong abiding place. He has not been neglectful, however, of the affairs of his township, but has been public-spirited and prompt to promote local progress with his time and means when called upon, having served nine years as school director, and having been a director in the Central National Bank of Columbia since its organization. In politics a Republican, he has been ardent in his support of the principles of his party and active in promoting its success at the polls, but he has remained satisfied with the consciousness of having done his part in this quiet way toward bringing about a victorious result, regardless of self or of reward through appointment to public office or other share of "party spoils."

Socially Mr. Nolt enjoys the friendship and respect of the best people in West Hempfield township, and is universally recognized as being honorable and upright in all transactions of a business character. He retired from farm life in the spring of 1902, and now resides in Columbia, leaving his son as his successor.

The Hoffman family, from which Mr. Nolt is descended in maternal lines, has long been well known in the county. His mother, Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nolt, was a daughter of Christ Hoffman, who was born and raised in West Hempfield township. He had a large tract of farming land near Ironville (now the property of the Jacob Hostetter family). He had two brothers, Daniel, of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mike, who lived on a pretty farm in Stark county, Ohio, and who is survived by one son, Henry. Christ Hoffman married Betsy Haymaker, who bore him twelve children, as follows: Jacob, who died in 1889, aged seventy-seven, leaving children, Jacob, John, Martin and Fanny; John, who lives at Chestnut Hill, on a farm; Christy, who died unmarried; Joseph, who married and died; Fred, who is deceased; Maria; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Nolt; Nancy, Mrs. Whitman, born in 1820, now living near Manheim, the only survivor of the family; Sarah, married and the mother of four sons and three daughters; Mollie, Mrs. Shannon; Bevia, who died at home; and Maria (2).

**CHRISTIAN ERISMAN**, a retired farmer, whose pleasant and attractive home is at Sporting Hill, Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born on the site of the Erisman's Meeting House, which formed a part of the family homestead in Rapho township, Feb. 2, 1816, a son of Jacob and Mary (Metz) Erisman. His parents were both born and reared in Rapho township, where they passed their lives, and when they died their remains were laid to rest in the cemetery connected with Erisman's



Church. The father served as supervisor one year, and was an honorable and highly respected citizen and member of the community. Both he and his wife belonged to the Mennonite Church, and in that faith they reared their family. Their children were: Maria, who died at the age of thirteen years; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of eighty-three years; Nancy, late wife of Christ. Hershey; Christian; Jacob, who died at the age of sixty-five years; Abraham, who died at the age of seventy-five years; Fanny, the widow of John Baker, who lives in East Hempfield township; Henry, unmarried; Mary, unmarried and living in Salunga, Pa.; John, a farmer on the old homestead in Rapho township.

The paternal grandfather of Christian Erisman was Abraham Erisman; he was a farmer, and spent his life in Lancaster county. The maternal grandparents were Christ and Mary (Hackman) Metz, farming people of Lancaster county. Christ Metz was a son of Ludwig Metz, who was born in Germany; coming later to America, in 1771 he built a stone house on a farm in Rapho township, where he spent his last years.

Christian Erisman was married March 17, 1840, in Lancaster, Pa., to Catherine Hostetter, by whom he had the following children: Susan, unmarried, and living with her parents; Elizabeth H., who married Joseph Kraybill, a farmer in Clay township; Metz J., a commission merchant in Philadelphia; Sarah A., who died unmarried; Albert, deceased, who married Lovina Stehman; Mary, who married Benjamin Miller, and lives in Masonville, Pa.; Elenora, who died young; Amelia G., who married Eli Baumberger, of Manheim, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Catherine (Hostetter) Erisman was born in Warwick township, Lancaster county, April 27, 1818, a daughter of the Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Hostetter. Her father was born in Penn township, and her mother in East Hempfield. Both died on the old farm in Penn township, near Manheim. They were members of the Mennonite Church, of which he was a distinguished preacher for more than fifty-eight years, being a bishop of that church for thirty-four years. He died April 6, 1861, at the age of ninety years, seven months, and twenty-three days. His widow survived until 1868, when she too passed away, at the age of ninety-one years, three months and three days. Their remains rest in a private burying ground on their old homestead.

Born to the Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth Hostetter were the following children: John; Mary, who lived to be seventy years old; Anna, the wife of Christ. Wissler; Susan, the wife of John Shaffer; and Martha, the wife of John Stuffer, all five of whom are dead; Barbara, who married Joseph Hershey; Jacob, deceased; Catherine, noted above; Fanny, the late wife of David Hershey; David, deceased.

Christian Erisman remained with his parents

until his marriage, when he located for himself in Rapho township, where he carried on the buying and selling of stock in connection with his farming operations until 1882. That year he retired, and is now enjoying the fruits of an industrious and well-spent life. He removed his home to Sporting Hill, where he has formed many pleasant associations, and is passing his last days in the serene enjoyment of the privileges and pleasures that should attend a well ripened life. At one time he was supervisor, and for six years acted as school director. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and his life is honest and open to all the world. Politically he is a Republican, and is exceedingly well informed on all the current issues of the day.

JOHN CONRAD, the genial and popular proprietor of the Union Hotel, is one of the well-known and highly regarded citizens of Providence township. He was born Oct. 9, 1833, in Pequea township, son of Daniel and Mary (Erisman) Conrad.

Daniel Conrad was born in 1791, and came to America from Germany. He followed the blacksmith business through life and died in 1837. In his political convictions he was a staunch Democrat. His religious connection was with the German Reformed Church. He married Mary Erisman, who was born in 1798 and died Dec. 30, 1883, and they had a family of eleven children, as follows: Benjamin, deceased; Jacob, who resides in Refton, Pa.; Susan, who married Benjamin Yordy; Mary, who married Reuben Phantz; Barbara, Daniel and George, all deceased; John; Henry, who resides in New Danville, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Jacob D. Landis; and Martha, who is the widow of John Mohr.

John Conrad grew up on the home farm and attended the common schools of his district. He followed farming until 1865, when he became a member of Co. D, 195th P. V. I., and served as a faithful soldier through the Virginia campaign in the Civil war, being mustered out of the service in 1865. He has long been prominently identified with Democratic politics, and was made the first postmaster of New Danville, in 1857, under President James Buchanan.

On Jan. 14, 1858, Mr. Conrad was married to Miss Mary Brenneman, born Oct. 6, 1837, daughter of Christian and Catherine (McFalls) Brenneman, of Providence township. This family is one of prominence in the county and more extended mention of it will be found in another part of this volume. A family of eleven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, viz.: Catherine P., born Feb. 14, 1859, who married Simon Gochenaur and has two children, Jenny and Mary; Mary E., born March 24, 1861, who married Jefferson Groff, of Providence township, and has two children, Charles and Walter; Christian F., born May 12, 1862, who died March 20, 1877; Naomi J., born Sept. 30, 1864, the wife of Joseph Long, of Providence township.





and the mother of two children, John and Carrie; John F., born Jan. 3, 1867, who married Anna Engle and had one son, John, now deceased; Susan, born March 9, 1869, who is the wife of Robert Heisler and has a daughter, Clara; Abraham B., born May 25, 1871, a soldier in the Philippine Islands, married to Barbara Seaman, of Nebraska; Maggie B., born Feb. 13, 1873, who married Walter Evans and has five children, Oscar, Augusta, Estella, Mary and Clementine; Emma L., born Jan. 22, 1875, who is the wife of Aldus Book, of Drumore township and has had three children, Lawrence (deceased), Mary and John; Estella, born Dec. 4, 1876, who is the wife of George Lynes, of Drumore township and the mother of two children, Anna Mary and Grace; and Charles W., born Sept. 9, 1878, who married Mazie Reinhart and has had two children, Lawrence W. (deceased) and Dorothy. Jenny Gocheaur, the daughter of Catherine P., married Ira Book and has one child, Bessy, the great-grandchild of our subject.

Although in his early career Mr. Conrad was hampered to some extent by limited means, his energy and industry surmounted adverse circumstances, and he and his capable and estimable wife can now enjoy every comfort in their advancing years. He has been able to rear a large family and give them proper advantages, and he also has accumulated much more than a competency, owns a fine farm in Providence township and a paying hotel in the village of Union. He is known as a man of reliability and is considered one of the most honorable citizens of the township.

AARON WITMER, for forty years a veterinary surgeon of Lancaster county, was one of the old and respected residents of West Lampeter township, where he owned a fine farm of seventy-six acres, this being a part of the estate added by his father to the old homestead.

Aaron Witmer was born April 13, 1832, on the old home land and attended the public schools, but early in life manifested an interest in the proper rearing and care of stock, particularly horses, and, in order to fit himself with sufficient knowledge to make his own animals remain in the best condition, he began the scientific study of the horse. This resulted in an accurate knowledge that was increased and encouraged by a course of two years' reading under Dr. C. N. Shaub, when he was so proficient that he was made a life member of the Veterinary Association at Philadelphia.

Although Aaron Witmer continued to farm, his time soon became so filled with demands for the practice of his profession that he could not confine himself to agricultural pursuits, for all through Lancaster county, and into farther counties, he has been called upon in a professional way. At present his son, who read and studied under his supervision, has succeeded to the profession. There is no doubt but that every stockraiser should have a general

knowledge of the veterinary art, but to master it requires quite as assiduous study as does the science of medicine.

In 1854 Aaron Witmer was married to Mary Herr, a daughter of Abraham Herr, of Pequea township, who was born there Dec. 19, 1831; and to this union three children were born: Frank E., born July 27, 1855, a farmer of West Lampeter township, living on a part of the father's old home, who married Mary Ann Herr, a daughter of Joseph Herr, and had five children, Ida, Jacob, Elmer, Frank and Esther; Abraham H., born June 10, 1857, a farmer, gardener and florist, residing on the adjoining farm, who married Mary A. Bachman, a daughter of Eli Bachman, of Lampeter, and has three sons, Eli, John and George; and J. Elam, born May 25, 1859, a farmer and veterinary surgeon of this township, who married Lizzie Bachman, a daughter of Eli Bachman, and had three children, Ross, Willis and Mary.

Aaron Witmer died Nov. 15, 1900. The family is prominently connected with the Mennonite Church, and all are well known through the township as honorable and esteemed citizens.

ABRAHAM B. SNAVELY (deceased) was during his active years one of the leading farmers of Pequea township, prominent and active in public affairs, and useful in the community as a neighbor, citizen and friend.

Mr. Snavely was born in December, 1823, near Wheatland Mills, Lampeter township, a son of Abraham B. and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Snavely; the father was born in 1787, in what is now Pequea (then Conostoga) township, and the mother in 1789. They were plain, unassuming country people, engaged in farming during the greater part of their lives, and identified with the New or Reformed Mennonite Church, in which faith they reared their children. The father was a minister in that denomination. They were married in 1809, and the union was blessed with children as follows: Annie, Mrs. Weaver; Benjamin, who also married; Abraham B., who is referred to more fully farther on; Martha, unmarried, and now deceased; and Fannie, who married. The father of this family died in 1866, and the mother passed away the previous year.

Abraham B. Snavely was reared on his father's farm, passing his youth until he was twenty years of age alternately between work on the farm and attendance in winter at the neighborhood district school; under the direction of his father he became thoroughly acquainted with general farming operations. He remained at home until 1866, in which year he became the owner of the farm in Pequea township, upon which he lived for the next twenty-six or seven years, until his removal to New Danville, in 1893. Upon that farm were achieved the triumphs and successes of his life, and it was the scene of his toils and labors, his joys and his sorrows, in all of which his faithful helpmeet shared. That farm, the old homestead, is a fine property,





very desirable in many respects; upon it are good and substantial buildings and other improvements, while its fields are fertile and productive, and from them Mr. Snavelly for only a little less than fifty years derived a good income, engaging in general farming and stock raising. From the spring of 1893 until his decease Mr. Snavelly lived in retirement at New Danville, he and his wife passing life's evening in a comfortable home, in the enjoyment of plenty. They united with the Reformed Mennonite Church April 22, 1900. Mr. Snavelly attained the age of almost four score, dying Nov. 20, 1901.

Mr. Snavelly's political affiliations were with the Republican party, to which he was most loyal. On four different occasions he was sent as a delegate to county conventions; he was active in party affairs and for three terms served as judge of elections, also the same length of time as inspector of elections; he served one term as school director and three terms as township assessor. In all these varied positions he was faithful and honorable, and his reputation as a public man was above reproach.

In December, 1856, Mr. Snavelly married Catherine Rohrer, a native of this country, and to them were born two children, Rohrer and Stoner.

BYRON GRISWOLD DODGE is a representative business man and citizen of Lancaster, where he is head of the Armstrong Cork Works, and sole owner of the Safety Buggy Works.

Mr. Dodge's first ancestors in this country were two brothers who landed at Old Salem, Mass., in 1629, both being gentlemen of leisure and large fortune. His grandfather, John Dodge, was born in Claremont, N. H. His father, George W. Dodge, was a cork manufacturer, and in company with his son, Byron G., established large works in Lancaster. The father died in March, 1890. He married Miss Deborah E. Griswold, of Berlin, N. Y., and to this union came two children: Ella J., wife of Rev. Henry G. Appenzeler, of the M. E. Church, now a missionary in Corea; and Byron G., of Lancaster.

Byron Griswold Dodge was born in Berlin, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1851, and was educated there in the public schools, closing his studies at a boarding school in Vermont, a preparatory school for Williams College. After leaving school he worked on a farm until nineteen, when he learned the machinist's trade at Westerly, R. I., in a printing-press factory. He then went into the cork business with his father, at Berlin, and came to Lancaster in August, 1876. Their works were first located on Fulton street, the present site of Rose Brothers' umbrella factory, and they later built the excellent plant on the Pennsylvania railroad, near McGrann's Park, which with the Armstrong Cork Works does about three-fourths of the entire cork business of which it is a syndicate part, the Lancaster and the Pittsburg works being the two largest in the country. In the Lancaster works six hundred people are employed, and many thousand dollars are annually distributed by this in-

stitution through the various channels of trade in Lancaster. The Safety Buggy Works, which belong entirely to Mr. Dodge, rank among the most extensive industries of the place, employing some 150 men. Besides his interests in the foregoing, Mr. Dodge is president of the International Cream Separator Co., at Grant and Christian streets, a concern of rapidly increasing strength.

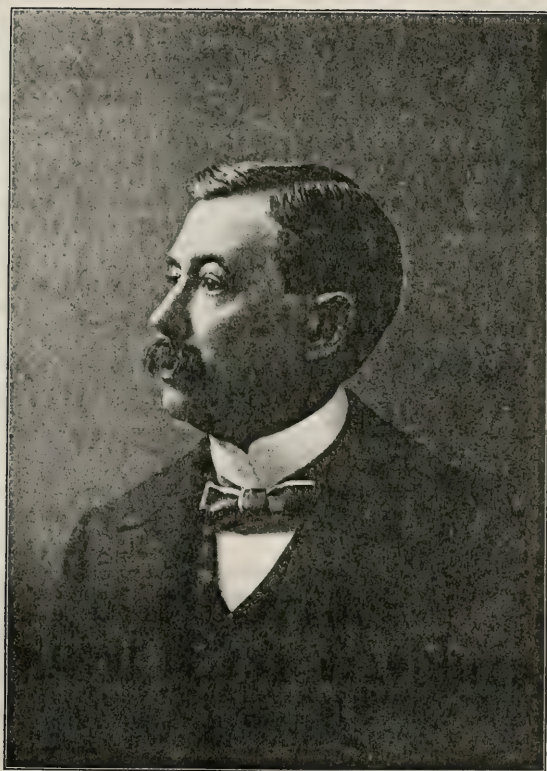
Mr. Dodge married Miss Anna Smart, daughter of Capt. Elisha Smart, who was killed while leading his company in an engagement of the Civil war; his regiment was formed at North Adams, Mass. Four children were born of this marriage: Leon G., now superintendent of his father's Safety Buggy Works; Miss Anna, at home; George, who graduated from the State College in June, 1901; and Arthur, attending Cornell University, class of 1904. Mr. Dodge is a member of the First M. E. Church. He lives in an elegant home near the corner of North Duke and Frederick streets, and his stable contains a string of thoroughbred horses, in which he finds one of his chief recreations. The entire family are lovers of horseflesh, and all have their especial equine pets. Mr. Dodge is a liberal, progressive and intelligent man of affairs, whose influence for good is often felt in Lancaster.

EMANUEL R. SHIRK belongs to one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county.

Emanuel H. Shirk, his father, was born in West Cocalico township Jan. 16, 1811. He was a farmer and gave his entire attention to agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1873. In politics he was a staunch Republican and a very active member in the ranks of his party, which he represented in many State and county conventions. Religiously he was a member of the German Baptist Church. He married Miss Catherine Rover, and they were the parents of ten children: Fianna, wife of Hiram Bollinger; Emanuel R.; Hiram, a farmer of Indiana; Salinda, wife of John Hagey; Lavina, wife of David Butzer; John, of Ephrata; Catherine, wife of Addison Longenecker; Leah, wife of Albert Mumma; Edward, a cigar maker; and Ementize, who died in childhood.

Emanuel R. Shirk was born May 28, 1838, on the same farm where his father first saw the light, in West Cocalico township. He lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, and during his earlier years attended the common schools. He began farming for himself on the old homestead, where he remained four years, and thence moved to Schoeneck, for three years, during which time he followed droving. His next removal was to Warwick township, where he commenced farming again, and he has continued it to the present time, meeting with substantial success. Mr. Shirk is one of the enterprising farmers of his locality, and one of its most public-spirited citizens. He has served his fellow townsmen faithfully in various offices, having been supervisor, assessor and for twelve





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years member of the school board. In 1893 he was prison inspector, and held that office for six years. In politics he has always been an active member of the Republican party.

Mr. Shirk married for his first wife Miss Sarah Leeking, and to this union were born five children: Fannie, who died unmarried; Mary, wife of Samuel Zwally; Emma, wife of Franklin Leeking; Katie, wife of William Cunningham; and Sarah, wife of John Wolfskill. The mother of the above named children died June 26, 1875, and Mr. Shirk later married Miss Elizabeth Hefley, who died Oct. 19, 1899.

**JACOB R. WITMER.** Looking backward to the year 1716, the family records of the Witmer family tell of one Benjamin Witmer, who, in company with his son, Abraham, left Switzerland with the intention of founding a new home in the United States. His final location was made in Lancaster county, where Abraham purchased lands which have never passed out of the possession of the Witmer family. In 1739 both Benjamin and his son were naturalized, so that their descendants are not Swiss, but represent a portion of the best American citizens of the State of Pennsylvania.

In 1719 there was another son born to Benjamin Witmer, named John. This John married Frances Roland and reared a family of seven children: Anna, wife of John Kendig; John, who married Mary Harken; Henry, who married Fanny Musser; David, married to Esther Kendig; Benjamin, who married Anna Brubaker; Abraham, married to Molly Herr; and Daniel, married to Anna Newcomer. Abraham, the fifth son of this family, in 1768 built a stone bridge across the Conestoga creek, about one mile east of Lancaster, called Witmer's bridge, which is in good condition at the present day.

The lands purchased by Abraham, son of the original Benjamin, descended by will at his death, in 1783, to his nephew, Benjamin Witmer. This nephew Benjamin had two children: Elizabeth, married to John Buckwalter; and Benjamin, who married Esther Buckwalter, and inherited his father's farm in 1822. Benjamin and Esther (Buckwalter) Witmer reared these children: Nancy, who married Abram Buchwalter; Polly, who married Abram Landis; David; Elizabeth, who married Abram Huntzberger; Lydia, who married Jacob Brubaker; and Benjamin, Esq. All of these lie buried in the old Mellinger graveyard, and all of them through life consistently lived up to the Old Mennonite faith.

David Witmer was born in 1800, and until the time of his death, in 1875, devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. At the age of thirty-three he was ordained a minister in the Old Mennonite Church and he faithfully performed the duties attaching to the Mellinger and Stumptown stations. The Witmer lands, now owned by his son, were purchased by David, at an appraisement made by his brothers and sisters, although he had but little ready money,

and the assumed debt occasioned, at the time, considerable anxiety. His character was of such excellence, and he was so beloved by his congregations that aid was immediately tendered him in order to clear the debt, but these kind offers were declined, and he labored harder on the land, and not only cleared it off, but at the time of his death left an estate valued at \$40,000.

David Witmer married Annie Rutt, who was born in 1798 and died in 1867, having been the devoted mother of nine children: Elizabeth, who died at the age of sixty-nine years, unmarried; Abram, who lives retired at Mountville and married Mary Kendig, deceased; Esther; Annie, the widow of Christian Kendig; David; Jacob R.; Barbara, who married Christian Frev, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased, who married Emanuel Herr; and Benjamin, deceased, who married Mary Kreider.

Jacob R. Witmer was born Feb. 19, 1833, on the farm which he now occupies. His education was received in the common schools of his district and his life has been passed in farming, his tastes lying in this direction. Immediately after marriage he took charge of the farm of his father-in-law, as manager, and profitably operated it until 1867, when he bought his present home of the other heirs. These lands are known through the township as very desirable, and the improvements made by the present occupant have been of the most substantial character.

The marriage of Jacob R. Witmer occurred on Dec. 2, 1856, when he was united to Esther Ranck, a daughter of Samuel Ranck, a well-known miller of the locality. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Witmer are: Samuel, deceased, who married Annie Groff and was the father of two children, Jacob G. and Amelia, who make their home with their beloved grandfather; Annie, who died at the early age of nineteen; Susan, at home; and Aaron, who married Ida Eby, superintends the home farm and has two children, Enos and Ada.

No family possesses the esteem of the community in a higher degree than does the Witmer family of East Lampeter township, and none are more valued as consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church.

**WILLIAM DAGUE.** One of the emphatically self-made retired farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., is William Dague, who was born Sept. 18, 1830, near Cains post-office, in Salisbury township, and has there passed his life in the pursuit of agriculture with unvarying and marked success.

His parents, David and Margaret (Ranck) Dague, were natives of Salisbury and Conestoga Valley, respectively, were agricultural people, and descended from a long line of farmers who had lived in the Keystone State for several generations. David Dague was a son of Andrew and Annie (Good) Dague, and his wife was a daughter of Peter and Mar-



garet (Eckholtz) Ranck. David Dague and his wife had eight children, viz.: William; Margaret A., widow of John Glendenning, and a resident of Philadelphia; Mary E., wife of Lorenzo Hackett, of Chester county; Lydia S., married to W. W. Lindville, a farmer of Salisbury township; David R., who died young; Catherine O., wife of Evan Bustler, a farmer in East Earl township; Susan R., deceased wife of John M. Schultz; and Peter A., a farmer at McGovernville, Pa. David Dague, the father of this family, was an extensive drover as well as farmer, and was well known in the former capacity throughout the country districts of Lancaster and adjoining counties. He lost his wife in 1878, when she was seventy-two years of age. She died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and her remains were interred in the Pequea Church cemetery. David Dague died in 1881.

William Dague early started out to make his way in the world. He was but fourteen years of age when, much against the wishes of his parents, he began to work for the farmers of his neighborhood; he was of an independent spirit, and was desirous of earning something he could call his own and do with as he pleased. He was industrious, persistent and indefatigable, and soon won the approbation, encouragement and admiration of the farmers round about him and was never at a loss for employment at remunerative wages. He thus worked as a farm hand for eight years, then teamed for a year, and then, through his frugality and industry having saved some funds, rented and stocked land for seven years. At the end of this period he found himself prepared for embarking more extensively in agriculture, and he purchased a forty-five-acre farm in Salisbury township, to which he afterward added an eighty-acre tract along the foot hills.

In March, 1852, Mr. Dague married Miss Susanna Warner, who was born in Salisbury township in May, 1833, daughter of David and Susanna (Garber) Warner, the former of whom was a farmer and died in 1861, when seventy-seven years old; the latter died in 1864, at the same age, and their remains were interred in the Old Mennonite cemetery at Salisbury. They had six children, as follows: John, Jacob, Isaac, Eliza, Susanna (Mrs. Dague) and David, all now deceased. David and Eliza died unmarried. William and Susanna (Warner) Dague had children as follows: Anna M., who is married to Coleman Kurtz, a farmer of Salisbury township; George N., a farmer of Salisbury township, and married to Mary Mast; Ella, wife of Diller Hoover, who is a farmer in Salisbury township; and Isaac W., who is married to Lillie Grist, and with his wife lives on the old homestead with his father. Mrs. Susanna (Warner) Dague was called from earth in March, 1894, deeply mourned by her husband and children. She was a devout Presbyterian and her remains were interred in the Pequea Church cemetery.

In 1890, having acquired a competency, through

his persevering industry, skillful management and unaided personal efforts, Mr. Dague retired from the activities of life and sought the well-deserved rest he is now enjoying, surrounded by many warm-hearted friends and genial companions, as well as by his loving children who live in close proximity. Mr. Dague is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he is a liberal contributor, and he is an ardent friend of free education, having served six years as a school director. He then resigned, feeling that he had fully done his duty in that direction. In politics he is a Republican, but has never been ambitious for holding office, preferring that others should shoulder the responsibilities and share in the vainglorious honors attached to official position. Nevertheless, Mr. Dague is a very public-spirited citizen and at all times ready to aid financially such measures as will redound to the public welfare and comfort in the way of public improvements. His walk through life has been such as to win the approbation of his fellow citizens, and too much credit cannot be awarded him for the upright and useful course he has so unswervingly followed.

DAVID L. PAULES, a retired farmer, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Dec. 12, 1832, son of John and Catherine (Leber) Paules, natives of York county, in this State.

John Paules was a cooper by trade. In 1816 he came to Marietta, where he resided three years and then removed to East Donegal township, where he engaged in tobacco growing in conjunction with cooping. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and quite prominent as a citizen, serving as supervisor of his township several years, and also at different times holding various minor offices. His wife passed away in 1882, when eighty-two years old, and his own death took place in December, 1887, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, eleven months, one day; the remains of both were interred in the Marietta cemetery. To John Paules and his wife were born ten children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of George Ebbert; Henry, who died after marriage; Sarah, widow of Simon F. Albright, a blacksmith of Maytown, Pa.; Jacob, who was drowned when young, in the Susquehanna river; John, who died young; George, deceased; Mary J., who died in 1900, the wife of John Herchelroth; Franklin, who died in East Donegal township in January, 1896; John, a tobacco farmer in Cumberland county; and David L., of East Donegal township. The paternal grandfather of these children was Michael Paules, a farmer of York county, and the maternal grandfather was Jacob Leber, a native of Germany.

David L. Paules attended school and worked on the home farm until twenty-one years old, and at twenty-two entered a cooper shop, where he worked for some years during the winter season. In the meantime he rented farms, at one time leasing one of 250 acres, and cultivated land until 1897, when he retired, although he still does a little tobacco rais-





ing and vegetable growing near the borough of Marietta.

Mr. Paules was united in marriage in Maytown, Feb. 28, 1852, with Miss Anna Eliza Rumbaugh, and to this union the following children have been born: J. Lizzie, wife of George S. Bauchman, clerk for the Hazelton Iron & Coal Company; Ada M. and Sarah A., at home; Harry P., who married Ore Housegal and lives in Marietta; Elmer E., who married Matilda A. Grady and also resides in Marietta, engaged in the livery business; Dr. William R., now of Danville, Pa., who married Florence Pieffer; John L., a druggist in Homestead, Pa., married to Ida Bertheisel; and David L., unmarried, who carries on a livery business in Marietta and lives with his parents.

Mrs. Anna E. (Rumbaugh) Paules is a native of Newville, Lancaster county, born May 9, 1832, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Davis) Rumbaugh; the former of whom was born in Perry county, Pa., and the latter on the Atlantic ocean, when her parents were on the voyage from Ireland to America. They were married in Maytown, Pa., where John Rumbaugh carried on his trade of wheelwright. He was assessor of East Donegal township and was honored with other positions of trust. His wife died in Maytown in 1863, aged fifty-eight years and fourteen days, and Mr. Rumbaugh's death took place at the home of his son-in-law, David L. Paules, June 28, 1888, at the age of seventy-nine years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh Anna E., Mrs. D. L. Paules, is the eldest; Mary J. is the widow of H. S. Book; Amanda L. is the wife of Solon V. Landis, a retired farmer; and Benjamin F., the youngest, a carpenter, died in 1887. The survivors live in Maytown. John Rumbaugh, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Paules, was a native of Germany, was a farmer and an early settler of Perry county, Pa. Her maternal grandparents, Michael and Bridget Davis, came from Ireland to America in 1805 and settled in Maytown, Pa.; he was a plasterer by trade.

In politics Mr. Paules is a Republican, and he has served his fellow townsmen as school director nine consecutive years. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and socially they mingle with the best people of the township. Mr. Paules has been a remarkably successful farmer, has acquired a competence and is now enjoying at his ease the fruits of his early industry.

HENRY LEAMAN, of Strasburg township, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and belongs to one of the old and esteemed families, which established itself here through grandfather Abraham Leaman, who was a prominent farmer of his day. He married Mary Bowman, by whom he had one son, Benjamin, who was born May 26, 1787, and died June 2, 1857.

Benjamin Leaman adopted farming as his pro-

fession, made his home in East Lampeter township and there became the owner of a large acreage of land, one farm comprising 110 acres, and an adjoining one seventy-five acres, both of which he operated himself at one time. As time passed on and his family grew up around him, he purchased a farm for each son, all of these lying in East Lampeter and Leacock townships. His friends through the community were many, and such was the confidence which they placed in him that all his spare time was occupied in the settlement of estates and caring for those who were placed in his charge as wards.

On May 19, 1807, Benjamin Leaman married as his first wife Catherine Cryder, born March 15, 1789, who died Dec. 30, 1838, the children born to this union being: Abraham, born in 1808, died in 1839, a farmer, who had married Barbara Buckwalter; John, born in 1810, died in 1882, a farmer in Leacock township, who married two sisters by the name of Landis; Barbara, who died in infancy; Benjamin, born in 1813, died in 1891, a farmer of Leacock township; Susannah, born in 1815, the wife of Jacob Ranck, of Strasburg township; Tobias, born in 1817, died in 1859, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Jacob, born in 1819, died in 1889, a farmer of Leacock township; Henry, born in 1822, who resides in Strasburg township; Isaac, born in 1824, a farmer of East Lampeter; Joseph, born in 1828, died in 1857, a farmer of East Lampeter; the last of this large family being an infant son, born in 1830, who died early. The second marriage of Benjamin Leaman was on Sept. 6, 1842, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Heller) Rohrer, a widow. The parents were members of the Old Mennonite Church and the children adhered to the same faith.

Henry Leaman was reared on the farm, in East Lampeter township, and received his education in the public schools of his district. On Dec. 3, 1844, he was married to Sarah Buckwalter, a daughter of Martin and Nancy (Lefever) Buckwalter, who was born Feb. 5, 1823. After marriage the young couple located on a farm in Strasburg township and two years later purchased a farm of 102 acres near Refton, which Mr. Leaman operated from 1847 until he retired from the cares of active life. At that time he erected a comfortable home in Refton, remaining there until 1892, when he removed to his present home, which is located one-half mile north-east of Strasburg and contains sixty acres, one of the best improved places in the county, and now managed by his son, Reuben.

Henry Leaman has been one of the successful agriculturists of the county and has always been known as an upright, honorable man, worthy of the confidence and respect which he receives, and a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. The children born to Henry Leaman and his wife were: Eliza, born in Oct., 1845, who was the wife of Elias Herr, a lime-burner and merchant of Warren county, Va., and who died Dec. 9, 1901, aged fifty-six years, leaving five children, Harry, Francis, Addie, Reu-





ben and Ira : Susan, born in January, 1847, who married Peter Esbenschade, of Manheim township, and has three children, Frank, Elmer and Cora; Emma, born in July, 1848, who resides with her parents; Sarah Ann, born in January, 1851, who married John P. Rohrer, of Strasburg, and had seven children, Lillie, Frank, Emma, John, Charles, Harry and Clair; Martin, who died young; Henry B., born in November, 1856, who married Emma Groff, resides in Paradise township and has two children, Ross and Mary; Franklin, born in November, 1858, who married Amanda Schaffer, resides in Sadsbury township and has four children, Roy, John, Clair and Edna; Mary, born in October, 1861, who died the same year; and Reuben B., born Nov. 23, 1863, who married Alice Stoner and has four children, Anna, Lizzie, Mary and Harry. Mrs. Sarah (Buckwalter) Leaman died Sept. 20, 1901, aged seventy-eight years.

Reuben B. Leaman is a progressive farmer and successful dairyman of this county, as well as one of the most solid and substantial of its citizens. The family is held in the highest respect through the whole township and can justly be regarded as representative.

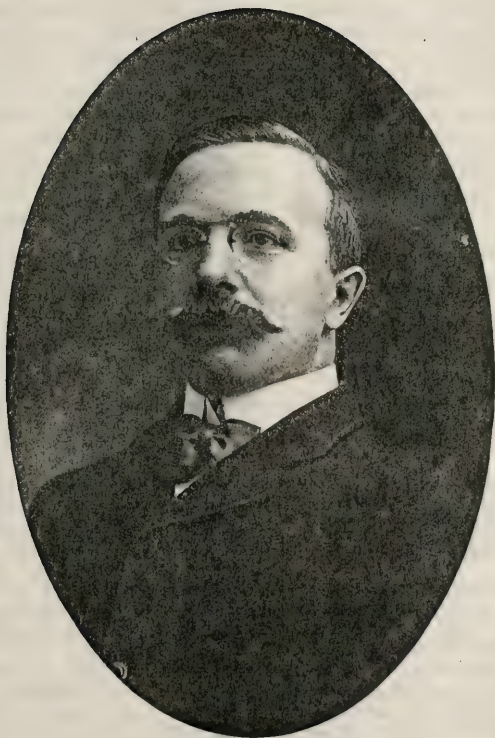
JAMES LAW, who has been for a long time known to the literary world as James D. Law, poet, is a native of Scotland, having been born in Lumsden village, West Aberdeenshire, on April 5, 1865. To distinguish him from an uncle of the same name, for a time Mr. Law adopted the middle initial D., but in recent years he has gone back to the original form of his name; and, while he is still known to the business world as James D. Law, his literary work is often autographed as shown underneath the annexed portrait specially prepared for this work.

On his father's side, Mr. Law's ancestors have been purely Celtic for countless generations. His mother dying before he was a year old, he was left to the care of his uncle, John Law, an excellent type of the sturdy, well informed and enterprising Scotsman. Our poet attended a "Dame's school" for a time, and is perhaps one of the youngest men living, who learned his letters from "the brods." He remembers carrying a peat to school every morning, as his daily contribution to the school fire-fund of the village Dominie. In due course he passed through the various stages of schooling, filling in his Saturdays and holidays "herding kye," and at other work on his uncle's small farm, thus becoming familiar with all kinds of rural activities. A voracious reader, he soon exhausted the little public libraries and the more pretentious private collections of the district. He served four years as a pupil teacher, and at the age of eighteen secured a position as assistant to the factor of the Durriss estate, Deeside, County of Kincardine. There he remained three years, when he decided to emigrate to America. Before sailing he was united in mar-

riage to Miss Agnes Duff, daughter of Robert Duff, Esq., of New Noth and Old Noth, on Bogieside. Mrs. Law, a lady of high culture and fine personal attainments, was a successful teacher in Scotland, holding a first-class government certificate. In May, 1886, the young couple landed in Boston, and at once proceeded to Philadelphia. Being without either friends or acquaintances, after a rather trying probation Mr. Law secured a position as bookkeeper to an oil-cloth manufacturer in Camden, N. J., and soon after took up his residence there. In 1890 he connected himself with the J. F. Portuondo Cigar Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, having been its first Secretary and attached to it for a year after the death of Mr. Portuondo. In October, 1898, he came to Lancaster to take charge of the Havana Cigar Company and the other Lancaster interests of Mrs. A. B. Bloomer, a wealthy and accomplished resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, but allied to Lancaster county by hereditary relations, her father, Martin Bare, Esq., having been born in the Bareville her grandfather founded. Mr. and Mrs. Law have been blessed with seven children, viz.: (1) Duff Christie; (2) Nanette Margaret (deceased); (3) Estella Maria; (4) John James (deceased); (5) America Pertuondo; (6) Russell Gordon; (7) Evelyn Agnes.

Mr. Law's predilection for rhyming and his irrepressible wit and humor were soon asserted, some of his effusions appearing in the Aberdeen newspapers before he left school; and even as early as 1883, in Edward's Fifth Series of "Modern Scottish Poets," Mr. Law although then only eighteen years of age, received a lengthy and flattering editorial notice, accompanied by several pages devoted to specimens of his verses. He never allows the muse to interfere with business, and, to his credit be it said, he has not missed a day's work since he first got a foothold in the New World. He is a man of the strictest temperate habits, not even being a smoker, although for many years intimately connected with the great cigar industry. Essentially a home man, the only club that can claim him is the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. At the same time, there is nothing sour or ascetic in his composition; no one better enjoys a social chat than he does, and wherever he goes he is a welcome and honored guest in the best houses and establishments in the land. In his business trips all over the States, he has cemented by personal contact many friendships begun through the medium of the mails. Perhaps no one in the Commonwealth has a finer collection of holograph letters from modern celebrities, not "purchased with a price," as such valued rarities generally are, but received by Mr. Law himself in the ordinary course of his correspondence. In a hurried glance through a partial list are noted specimens of Gladstone and Lord Rosebery among statesmen; Whittier, Holmes, Riley and Austin among poets; Blackie





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Harness among critics: Collyer and Ingersoll among orators; Allan, M. P., jostled Brosius, M. Brewer, of the Supreme Bench, rested beside him among scientists, while DePeyster and Carnegie among philanthropists "led all the rest." To have come so intimately in touch with such men of light and leading is in itself no mean tribute to Mr. Law's ability and versatility. A lover of books from his earliest years, he has naturally collected a fine library, which has been enriched by many gifts from admiring friends and fellow-authors. One half of the collection, numbering 5,000 volumes or more, is made up of books relating exclusively to Scotland and Scottish literature, which still remains Mr. Law's first choice. Books, indeed, seem to be in very nook of his beautiful home in East Clay street, a well-stocked case in his dining room being considered as essential to the welfare and happiness of the family as the clock upon the mantel. Raised in such an atmosphere, and with such surroundings, it is easy to understand why Mr. Law's children attending school are pronounced by their teachers to be "the best all around scholars" in their respective departments.

Mr. Law is the author of several books which have been widely circulated and received with unqualified approbation by the first critics of the age. It would take a volume to quote the press notices evoked from all quarters of the globe on his "Dreams O' Hamie" and other poems, Scottish and American, published in 1893 by Gardner, of Paisley and London. The very handsome general appearance of the book was the subject of much favorable comment, and bearing the imprint of the Queen's publisher was in itself a high compliment to an American citizen. Mr. Law's latest volume, entitled "The Sea-Shore of Bohemia," is his most ambitious effort, and deals with some little-known episodes in the life of William Shakespeare, special attention being given to the Scotch friends and experiences that unquestionably influenced the Great Dramatist's life and writings. Mr. Law's poem is in dramatic form, with lyrical interludes, and historical data can be furnished for all the interesting incidents introduced into his brilliant "Conversations." Says a recent critic:

"A remarkable fact about Mr. Law's Muse is that he is at home in every style of the poetic art, turning out dramas, epics, elegies, odes, lyrics and satires with equal facility, and excelling in all. He is complete master of every known form of rhyme and rhythm, and has even invented some new measures, which is not a small poetic feat at this late day in the history of prosody. He personally claims that he can only write well in Scotch, his native tongue; English, as he says, being a foreign language to him; but the truth is that he gains much of his power from the fact that his harp is a two-keyed instrument. He has, it is plain to be seen, a natural gift for writing, and we have it from the best authority that his poems are entirely

extemporaneous, which may account to a large extent for the charming spontaneity of his style."

Mr. Law has been a welcome contributor to the leading metropolitan journals, and his popularity here is, if anything, exceeded by his reputation in the old country. The leading Scottish critics have long since admitted that the best Scotch in the world is written in America, and Mr. Law is considered by many to be the foremost poetical exponent of the Scottish dialect. Several years ago he was awarded the N. A. U. C. A. prize for the best original Scotch poem, the competition being open to Canada and the United States. He is also a fine conversationalist and debater, and is philosopher enough to understand that a good listener is not unappreciated. All the local newspapers have had their pages enriched by Mr. Law's musings, one of the most admired of his recent effusions having been the following Sonnet on the sudden death of the highly honored Congressman, Hon. Marriott C. Brosius. We cull it from the *New Era* of March 18, 1901:

#### MARRIOTT BROSIOUS.

*"Native here and to the manner born."*

But yesterday we saw and hailed our friend,  
As, full of life, he passed along the street;  
Ere dawn to-day his heart had ceased to beat,  
So swiftly did the fatal stroke descend,  
The knell that none could fail to comprehend,  
The certain summons that we all must meet;  
And now the glory of a higher seat  
Succeeds the term that here has reached its end.

A soldier-statesman; in his chosen field  
We honored him as our repeated choice  
Until his name was to the nation known;  
And at the last, with all his worth revealed,  
While we lament we also can rejoice  
That brilliant Brosius was our very own!

We regret that space will not permit us to give a better representation of Mr. Law's poetry, but we cannot refrain from adding to the value of this meager sketch by inserting his "Columbia-Caledonia." This Scottish-American song has already been accepted on both sides of the Atlantic as a sort of International Anthem, beautifully blending as it does the love for the Old Country with the love for the New, in an exalted strain of the purest patriotism:

#### COLUMBIA-CALEDONIA.

THE LAND WE LEFT—aye, to us dear!  
We've sung it lood and lang;  
But hae we nae a country HERE  
As worthy o' a sang?  
While Scotland's name and Scotland's fame  
Wi' us can never dee,  
COLUMBIA noo we've made oor hame,  
And praise to her we'll gie!  
The Mither Land! The Mither Land!  
Let's couple wi' her name  
The Independent ither land  
We noo hae made oor hame!



Shak' oot the Starry Banner's fauld,  
 And let the Thistle wave;  
 The Rampant Lion's nae mair bauld  
 Than is the Eagle brave!  
 The land we're in's a peerless land,  
 As big as Scotia's weel;  
 Weel worthy by her side to stand  
 And aye oor hame to be!  
 We'll ne'er forget the Mither Land,  
 Nor need a Scot think shame  
 To sing with pride theither land  
 We noo hae made oor hame!.

The hame we had—the hame we hae!  
 O, lang and far ye'll ca'  
 Afore ye meet, it d'er ye may,  
 Wi' sic anither twa!  
 Auld Caledonia's first and best  
 O' lands across the sea!  
 And here's the glory of the West,  
 The country o' the free!  
 God's blessing on the Mither Land,  
 And a' within the same,  
 And also on the ITH'ER LAND  
 We noo hae made oor Hame!

Shortly before his death Col. Robert G. Ingersoll wrote to Mr. Law as follows:

"Your beautiful poems have given me real pleasure. They are full of good feeling—comradeship. They are genial and social and human. Besides they are perfectly natural. They come from the heart as springs from the ground. Versification is easy for you and many of the verses are worthy of Burns. The comic, the pathetic, smiles and tears are side by side, and in nearly all the poems I find the pulse of joyous life. Nothing cynical, and nothing morose, nothing of night; appreciation, admiration, *morning* everywhere. Good health in every line—nothing morbid, diseased or deformed, but all wholesome, natural and true. I congratulate you."

From the eminent Shakespearean scholar, Dr. Furness, Mr. Law recently received the following flattering acknowledgement relating to his poem on "Shakespeare's Gloves":

"My Dear Mr. Law:—The copy of your delightful verses duly reached me, and I have read, and re-read and re-read them with ever increasing pleasure. They are charming. I think Burns himself would have chuckled over the humor, appreciated the sentiment and would have been glad to acknowledge the lines as his own. Can one hair's breadth be added to this towering praise? If it be possible, it does not lie in the power of

"Yours very cordially,  
 "HORACE HOWARD FURNESS."

The words of a distinguished Scottish-American critic we have pleasure in reproducing:

"We advise Mr. Law to continue to exercise his poetic powers. He has accomplished much in the past, but he is still a young man, and his countrymen both at home and abroad believe that he will yet produce something that will send his name ringing through all parts of the civilized world where the English language is known. The

Scotch portions of the Globe already know of him, and in the words of their leading journals have repeatedly declared, 'among living Scottish poets Mr. Law is unquestionably entitled to a foremost place.' May he never have cause to regret having sung:

Columbia treats her strangers weel,  
 The langer kent she grows mair dear,  
 And, aff the heath, nae Scot can feel  
 So much at hame as here!

In July, 1902, Mr. Law made a long contemplated trip to Europe, where his family had preceded him, revisiting his native land after an absence of over sixteen years. He saw everything and everybody worth seeing, from the foot to the castle, and from the King to the Commoner, covering Scotland and England very thoroughly, and also looking in on Ireland. Wherever he went he was well received, and made the recipient of many honors and high compliments. Amidst all he found time to share his pleasures by penning many delightful "Letters of Travel" for American papers, and contributed various articles in prose and verse to the Scottish press. He returned to Lancaster in February, 1903, and received a hearty welcome from all his friends and acquaintances. He has been officially requested to write the college poem, song and chorus for the Franklin and Marshall Golden Jubilee to be celebrated in June, 1903.

DAVID K. GRUBE, a retired farmer and one of the most highly respected and influential men of East Hempfield township, was born April 1, 1839, a son of Christian and Rebecca (Kurtz) Grube.

The founder of the Grube family in America was Casper, a native of Switzerland, who located in the vicinity of Kissel Hill, in Lancaster county, and was the great-grandfather of David. This worthy man had two sons, of whom record has been kept: Christian, the grandfather of David, and a son (name unknown) who died at Kissel Hill. Christian, the grandfather, a farmer of Neffsville, who owned and operated two fine farms, is supposed to have been a member of the Lutheran Church, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-five, his death occurring in 1845. His family consisted of fourteen children: George, a farmer, who lived and died in Lancaster county; Christian, father of David; Casper, a farmer, whose whole life was spent in Lancaster county; David, a farmer and cattle raiser of Lancaster county; Samuel, a butcher, who went west to Indiana, where he died; Joseph, also a butcher, who lived and died in Lancaster county; John, a farmer, who went west to Ohio; Jacob; Sally, who married Henry Hotenstine; Susan, who was the second wife of Mr. Hotenstine; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Stoner; three other daughters, names unknown.

Christian Grube, the father of David, was born at Neffsville, in March, 1795, and died near that





town in 1880. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for many years, but about 1850 he turned his attention to farming. The maiden name of his estimable wife was Rebecca Kurtz, a daughter of John Kurtz. Her birth occurred at Roseville, Lancaster county, in the fall of 1795, and she died in 1867. To her husband she bore seven children: John, first a carpenter, later a butcher, and a resident of Perry county, Pa.; Margaretta, wife of Reuben Bird, of Neffsville; Christian, a carpenter, a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Edward, a cigar manufacturer, who is a resident of Neffsville; Lydia; Jacob, a resident of southern Missouri; and David K.

David K. Grube spent his boyhood upon his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, and followed it successfully until his marriage, when he embarked in farming, to which he gave his attention, in conjunction with burning lime, until he retired, in 1896. The property owned by him, and upon which he resides, is a fine one, consisting of ninety-nine acres, one mile south of Petersburg, and upon it he has made many desirable improvements. Nearly all of the excellent buildings were erected by him, and the entire farm speaks well for his thrifty management.

In 1867 David Grube was married to Amelia Kauffman, a daughter of Christian and Martha (Miller) Kauffman, who was born Oct. 19, 1840, and died Nov. 26, 1894, after having borne her husband four children: Alice, wife of Christian Hoover; Morris, unmarried, who resides in the West; David, unmarried, who operates a portion of his father's farm; Jacob, at home.

David K. Grube is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, in which he takes a prominent part, and he is highly respected throughout the community for his integrity and honesty.

JOHN C. FORREY, a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born on his present farm of 125 acres Aug. 30, 1833, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Copenhagen) Forrey, of whom Jacob was also born on this farm and Mary elsewhere in the township. Jacob was a successful agriculturist and passed his entire life on the home place, dying in November, 1871, when seventy-one years old; in 1843 he had lost his wife, who died when but twenty-five years of age. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and their mortal remains were buried in the private or family burial ground on the home farm. The only children born to Jacob and Mary Forrey were John C. and Jacob.

The paternal grandparents of John C. Forrey were John and Veronica (Seitz) Forrey, the former of whom was also born on the present homestead, and the latter in Manor township, but both died on the farm. Mrs. Forrey lived to the great age of 103 years, eleven months, sixteen days. The John last mentioned was a son of Daniel, who was also

born on this same West Hempfield farm, and Daniel was a son of John, the founder of the Forrey family in America, who came from Switzerland and secured the grant of the farm from the William Penn estate in 1746.

In November, 1878, in Lancaster City, John C. Forrey married Anna Moore, and to this union were born two children, John M. and Jacob M., both of whom died young and were interred in the family burying ground on the farm. Mrs. Anna (Moore) Forrey was born in West Hempfield township and is a daughter of Henry and Mary Moore, who were natives of York county, but who settled in Lancaster county early in life.

John C. Forrey has always been a good manager, and has succeeded admirably in all his undertakings and well deserves his reward for his early industry and economy. He has always been active and public-spirited, is a director in the Columbia Trust Company and was one of its first stockholders, and has been a school director for six years as the choice of the Republican party, of which he has been a lifelong member. He still continues the cultivation of the home farm, but hires help to do the work.

JACOB J. BYERS, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, was born in Pequea township Dec. 13, 1836, his parents being John and Catherine (Johnston) Byers, both natives of Lancaster county, where he was born March 16, 1807, and his wife Dec. 9, 1815.

John Byers was the son of Henry and Barbara (Crider) Byers, both of whom were born in this county, and whose parents came from Germany about 1730. Henry Byers, the grandfather of Jacob J., first settled in Martic township, and different members of the Byers family sustained an honored part in the Revolutionary struggle. They took up a tract of government land in Pequea and Martic townships, where they lived and reared large families. Henry Byers and his wife had nine children: Henry Byers, of Ohio; Jacob, of Lancaster county; Michael, of Indiana; Daniel, who died in Lancaster; John; Sarah, the wife of David Eshleman, of Pequea township; Mary, the wife of Benjamin Longenecker, of Illinois; Nancy, the wife of Michael Crider, of Lancaster; and Barbara, who married Christian Warfel, of Lancaster.

John Byers, noted above, married Mary Johnston in 1833 and settled on the farm of her father, Jacob Johnston, in Pequea township, where he remained until 1848, when he moved to his own farm in the same township. Still later he bought a farm in Lampeter township, where he died Jan. 5, 1856, his widow passing to her reward in May, 1877. Both himself and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Byers was one of the old line Whigs, and became a Republican on the organization of that party. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom are now living: Barbara,





born in 1844, who married Samuel Minnie, both deceased (four of their children are living); Henry Byers, who died in Lampeter, unmarried; Jacob J., our subject; Mary A., born in February, 1840, widow of Peter Sichert, with three children, John, Benjamin and Lizzie; Sarah, born in March, 1842, who married Henry Barr, of Pequea township, and is the mother of six children; Michael, who died in childhood; John, who died in Sterling, Ill., leaving two children; David, born in March, 1848, who married Miss Margaret Hoover, and is engaged in farming near Sterling, Ill., where they have a family of six children; Anna, born in September, 1850, who married John Huber and resides in Lampeter township, where they have one son, Elmer; Benjamin, born July 9, 1853, a butcher, who married Lillie Eshleman and lives in Lampeter township, where they have three children; Amaziah, born Feb. 21, 1856, who died when a young man.

Jacob J. Byers was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and secured his education in the local schools. His father died when he was eighteen years old, and he began for himself as a hired man among the neighboring farmers. He continued at this occupation for five years. For a time he was working at the carpenter trade, and then enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company E, 79th P. V. I., in the Western Army, under the command of General Sherman. In the battles of Chattanooga and Perryville he bore himself well, and was then attached to the Pioneer Corps, with which he was connected for eighteen months, fighting, as well as building pontoon bridges and sharing in other dangerous labors. In the fierce and bloody battle of Stone River he was a participant, as he was in other battles of Sherman's campaigns in the fall of 1863, and he fought at Chickamauga. He re-enlisted in February, 1864, and remained in the army until its brilliant achievements became a matter of history, and the grand review at Washington declared to the world that the war had ended. Mr. Byers fought at Buzzard Roost and Kenesaw Mountain. Three times was he wounded, at Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro and at Benton. Mr. Byers was in the hospital in North Carolina, and survived his wounds, escaping from the hospital to join his command and share the glory of Pennsylvania Avenue on the second day of the grand review.

Mr. Byers was married in 1866 to Miss Lizzie Meck, who was born in Lampeter township in 1843, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Meck. Her father is still living on the home of his great-grandfather, Nicholas Meck, who was a Revolutionary soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers were farming people in Lampeter township until 1875, when they removed to a farm he had bought in East Drumore township. There Mr. Byers built a barn 110 feet long, remodelled the house and made many improvements. Mr. Byers now owns 500 acres of land, on which are seven sets of farm buildings, all but one occupied

by his family. The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Byers are all living: (1) Anna E., born in November, 1868, who married Clayton Alexander, has one son, Jacob, and occupies one of the farm homes referred to above; (2) John M., born in January, 1870, and married to Susan Groff, of East Drumore, where he lives on a farm; (3) Henry S., born in 1871, who married Emma Yost, resides in Pequea township and is the father of four children, Lizzie, Harry, Benjamin and Sue; (4) Jacob, born in August, 1872, who married Lizzie Groff, lives in East Drumore township and has three children, Stella, David and Wanie; (5) Amos N., born in March, 1874, who married Miss Nancy Waltman, and resides on his father's home farm, his only son being Roy; (6) Martin, born in August, 1875, who married Miss Sarah Lefever, has one daughter, Emma E., and resides at the home of his father; (7) Enos, born in March, 1879, unmarried; (8) Uriah S., born in February, 1881, unmarried; (9) Noah M., born in March, 1886.

Mr. Byers bought his present home in 1866. It is a mile south of Quarryville, and there he has been living a retired life. Always a Republican, for nine years he held the office of auditor in East Drumore township. Mr. and Mrs. Byers are members of the Old Mennonite Church at Mechanics Grove.

CHARLES G. SCHUBERTH, proprietor of the Lancaster Steam Laundry, has one of the finest plants of the kind in Pennsylvania. He is the pioneer of the steam laundry business in Lancaster, having established his present place in July, 1886, and enjoys a fine patronage, employing four delivery wagons in Lancaster and six in Philadelphia, in which city he has a heavy custom.

Mr. Schubertsh comes from fine German stock on both sides. His father's uncle, Henry Schubertsh, was honored by the Emperor of Russia, and his maternal grandfather, William Kahler, was decorated with the Iron Cross by the Emperor of Germany for distinguished military services. Most of Mr. Schubertsh's relatives in Europe are professional men—teachers and ministers of the Lutheran faith.

William Schubertsh, father of Charles G., was born in 1814 in Berlin, Germany, and lived in his native country until he reached middle age. He received a thorough education, becoming especially well known as a scholar in the Latin, Greek and German languages, and was engaged as professor in a college at Guben, Germany, for a number of years. During his young manhood he gave the regular service as a soldier. In the early fifties he brought his family to America, the voyage occupying thirteen weeks, and located first in the western part of Pennsylvania, remaining there some four years. They then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the family home was for some years, and Mr. Schubertsh spent his latter years with his children, dying in 1900 at New Brighton, Pa. He returned to the father-





*E. G. Schubert*





and twice, during the sixties. After coming to America he was engaged at cabinet-making. Mr. Schubert was an accomplished performer on both the violin and piano, and took great delight in music. He was a member of and active worker in the M. E. Church. In Germany Mr. Schubert married Katharine Kahler, who was born in 1820, in Hamburg, and their family consisted of nine children, four sons—all born in Germany and five daughters—all born in America: William is one of the leading contractors of Cincinnati, Ohio, and makes his home at Wyoming, that State. Henry C. is a tobacco dealer at Miamisburg, Ohio. August C. is in the cigar business at Falmouth, Ky. Charles G. is mentioned below. Three of the daughters died in infancy. Emma is Mrs. Burns. May is the wife of John F. Snider. The mother died in 1877. She was one of a large family, and her brothers were all professional men, either teachers or ministers.

Charles G. Schubert was born June 13, 1851, in Hamburg, Germany, and was a mere child when he came with the family to this country. His educational advantages were such as the common schools afforded. He remained with his parents until he was fifteen years old, in 1867 going to Cincinnati, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother, following same three years. In 1870 he engaged in the tobacco business with another brother, continuing in that line some sixteen years. In November, 1872, he came to Lancaster, Pa., where he has ever since made his home, remaining in the tobacco business until 1886, when he bought the business to which he now devotes his principal attention, and which had been established one year. The laundry is located at No. 146½ East King street. Under his able management the concern has grown until he now has fifty-three employes on his pay-roll and there is no indication that the limit has been reached, by any means. His energy and strict attention to the increasing demands on his plant have not only brought him success and substantial rewards, but have won him the favorable notice of business men in Lancaster generally, among whom he occupies high standing. He is ever on the alert for possible and practical improvements, keeping fully abreast of the times, and may always be depended upon to have the best in his line, for he is a progressive man in every respect. He is a prominent member of the Lancaster Board of Trade.

In 1876 Mr. Schubert married Miss Clara B. Arnold, daughter of the late Thomas Arnold, the pioneer slating contractor of Lancaster, and up to the time of his death a prominent citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Schubert have had three children: William died at the age of four. Paul was killed by an electric accident Nov. 8, 1900, at the age of nineteen; he had been employed by the Westinghouse Company in an important position, having forty men under his control. Karl Arnold, the youngest, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall Academy, and now

occupies the position of manager of his father's extensive business.

Fraternally Mr. Schubert is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is a director of the Lancaster General Hospital, though he takes little active interest in outside affairs. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, for eighteen years was one of its vestrymen, and for six years its treasurer. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the Y. M. C. A. in Lancaster, of which he is a member, and took a prominent part in the erection of their fine building in the city. The hammer used to tear off the first board of the house which formerly occupied the site was sold at public auction and Mr. Schubert bought it, paying the sum of \$108.

**CHRISTIAN H. KENDIG.** The ties that bind the native-born sons of Lancaster county to the place of their birth seem to be peculiarly strong, for, while from other counties a large proportion of the young men drift westward, here there are many who prefer to cling to the associations of youth. Legion is the name of those who have spent long and useful years in the locality where they were born. Mr. Kendig was one of those to whom the love of home and native soil appealed with especial strength. Born on a farm in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Dec. 22, 1829, reared to agricultural pursuits, a farmer by training and by choice, following the occupation through all of his life, he finally entered into rest Jan. 4, 1886, and from his old homestead was taken to the Mennonite cemetery in Strasburg township, where his body was interred in the midst of scenes long loved by him.

John G. Kendig, father of Christian H. Kendig, was a son of Henry and Maria (Grotf) Kendig, farmers of Strasburg township, Lancaster county. The occupation to which he was reared he selected for his life calling; after the marriage of his son, Christian H., he retired from active labor, but continued to live at the old homestead until his death, July 31, 1876, at seventy years of age. He was laid to rest in the Mennonite cemetery at Strasburg, by the side of his wife, Susan, who had passed away in August, 1865, at the age of fifty-seven years. From childhood both had been earnest members of the Mennonite Church, and in its doctrines they carefully trained their children, Christian H., Mary A., Henry, Susan and John. None of them are now living except Susan, who is unmarried and makes her home in Lancaster. Mrs. Susan Kendig was a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Lefever) Hartman, and grew to womanhood upon the home farm in this county.

When ready to establish a home of his own Christian H. Kendig was united in marriage with Anna Wiltmer, the ceremony being solemnized in Lancaster Oct. 25, 1855. Four children were born of their union, viz.: Wiltmer J., of Lancaster; David H., of Reading, Pa.; Susan E. and Anna M., who re-



side with their mother in Lancaster, the family having in 1892 removed to that city from the old homestead farm. Having been reared in the Mennonite faith, Mrs. Kendig retains membership in that denomination, and is a sincere exponent of its doctrines of self-sacrifice and kindness. Her children attend the Reformed Church and are active in various of its societies.

The ancestry of Mrs. Kendig is traced back to Benjamin Witmer, a native of Switzerland, who in 1716 sought the larger possibilities of America, settling in Lancaster county. Three years later his son, John, was born in this county, of which he remained a lifelong resident. By the marriage of John Witmer to Frances Roland a son was born whom they named Benjamin; this son became a farmer and married a Miss Brubaker, of an old family in the county. Next in line of descent was another Benjamin Witmer, a farmer of East Lampeter township; by his marriage to Esther Buckwalter a son, David, was born. Like his ancestors, he never cared to remove from his native county, preferring to cling to the associations dear to him from his earliest recollections. Nor did he seek a new and strange calling, but continued to till the soil of the homestead acres. At the time of his death, Jan. 9, 1876, he was seventy-five years of age. His wife, who was Anna Rutt, died in 1868, aged sixty-nine years. Both were interred in Mellinger's cemetery connected with the Mennonite Church, of which denomination they were conscientious members. In their family were the following-named sons and daughters: Abraham R., of Mountville, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Hettie, of East Lampeter township; Anna, Mrs. Kendig, of Lancaster; David and Jacob, farmers of East Lampeter township; Barbara, Mrs. Christ Frey, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Emanuel Herr, deceased; Benjamin and Joshua, who are also deceased.

Though a considerable period has elapsed since the death of Mr. Kendig, he is not forgotten by those to whom the associations of a lifetime had endeared him. His memory is still green in the hearts of family and friends. Among his old associates it is often called to mind that he contributed generously to the maintenance of his church, the Mennonite, as well as to the expansion of its missionary movements; nor has it been forgotten that for many years he served faithfully and well as school director, often leaving his farm to do some work in connection with promoting the welfare of the schools. Indeed, as citizen, husband, father and friend, his life was exemplary and his example worthy of emulation.

**GEORGE S. LAMBORN.** The Lamborn family of Lancaster county, Pa., has not only been one of responsibility and respectability in this locality for many generations, but it is one of the oldest, also, tracing an ancestral line far back in the past, reaching even a date as ancient as A. D. 871. English

history has many records of members of this family who became conspicuous in various circles of life, during the years that intervened between the date mentioned and 1659, in which year occurred the birth of the direct ancestor of George S. Lamborn, of Lancaster county.

Josiah Lamborn was born in Easthamstead, Berkshire, England, in 1659, ten years after the beheading of the great English king, Charles I. The marriage of Josiah Lamborn to his wife Ann resulted in the birth of six children: Thomas, Mariah, Robert, John, William and Sarah. Josiah Lamborn died Dec. 12, 1749, and his wife passed away Aug. 11, 1722.

Robert Lamborn, son of Josiah, was born in 1697, and according to the records, his parents were of the Episcopal faith. At the age of seventeen years he formed an attachment for the daughter of Francis Swayne, of Berkshire, England, but this youthful intimacy was discouraged by the parents on both sides, and in order to separate the young people the Swayne family resolved on so stringent a measure as emigration to America, which was accomplished in 1711. When young Robert learned of the shattering of his hopes he was stricken with sorrow, as the location of the Swayne family in the great and unknown land beyond the sea was totally unknown to him. Had Robert been of faint heart this pretty but authentic romance might have been closed then, but he evidently possessed many of those attributes which, both earlier and later, brought prominence and success to his kindred. With a firm resolve to find the lady of his affections Robert bade farewell to his family and also set sail for America, safely reaching these shores in 1713. After visiting various locations of English people in Pennsylvania, the most of whom had settled near Philadelphia, it was in the city of Brotherly Love that the weary swain met with a reward of his search. It must be remembered that at that date the present beautiful city covered much less extent, and thus it was not so wonderful a happening for Robert to meet his desired father-in-law on the street. It is not recorded why the latter greeted the young man kindly and invited him to be his guest, but it is quite possible that in the perseverance of the wooer he recognized a stability that augured well for the future.

The home of Francis Swayne was in Chester county, and Mr. Swayne and his willing visitor made the trip on horseback, taking turns at riding. It was the kind father who reached the farm first, and with a consideration which was doubtless appreciated he sent his daughter, Sarah, out to meet the guest. Love found its way, in those far off days as successfully as now, and doubtless Mr. Swayne thought that the young man had won his bride, for all parental objections seem to have been removed, and the marriage of Robert Lamborn and Sarah Swayne was celebrated, by Friends ceremony, Sept. 5, 1722.





Evidently Robert Lamborn found the farming lands in this locality to his liking, for he remained here all his life, dying on the land he had brought to a high state of cultivation Nov. 22, 1775, and he was laid away in the burying ground at London Grove, in Chester county. His association with the Indians, who still roamed over a portion of the State, seems to have been amicable, as there is an interesting family record of an occasion upon which an Indian besought Robert to accompany him to a certain locality where was situated some of the best land in the country. This spot, which Robert found fair, indeed, was the site of the present city of Lancaster. However, it at that time was too far from any means of transportation to make it a desirable home in which to raise produce for market, and Mr. Lamborn was obliged to give up the idea of locating so far from Philadelphia. It was on the site of the present Center Square monument that Robert Lamborn mounted the stump of an old tree and, after viewing the goodly heritage, the beautiful prospect, he involuntarily exclaimed, "this would be such a beautiful spot upon which to found a city," his thought having been realized by the upbuilding of the city of Lancaster, in which his descendants have been so well known. His friendly relations with the Redmen have given color to many a pretty story, well authenticated. After a day's hunt for venison they would often come to his house and sleep on the kitchen floor, with their feet to the old-fashioned log fire place. When "Robert," as they called him, would awaken them in the morning they would quietly and peaceably leave the house, first telling him where he could find a deer shot the day before; occasionally they would carry the game to him. The children born to Robert and his wife Sarah were: Robert (2), William, Ann, Elizabeth, Francis, John, Thomas, Josiah and Sarah.

Robert Lamborn (2), son of Robert, was born June 3, 1723, and died Dec. 8, 1781. By Friends ceremony he was married to Ann (Morris) Bourne Sept. 19, 1746; she died June 6, 1799. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he followed this industry near London Grove, or Lamborntown, his burial taking place there also. By nature he was a kind and charitable man, of whom his neighbors cherished pleasant recollections. The children born to Robert (2) and Ann Lamborn were: Jesse, Susanna, Robert, Thomas, Mary, John, Joseph, Sarah, David, Ann, George, Lydia (who died in infancy) and Lydia (2). All of these were born in Chester county, and all were united in marriage by the simple and beautiful formula of the Society of Friends.

George Lamborn, son of Robert (2), was born near Chadds Ford, Chester county, Dec. 23, 1768, and died Sept. 19, 1856. His first marriage was Feb. 12, 1790, to Martha Marshall and his second marriage was March 14, 1806, to Mary Smedley, who died on Jan. 10, 1857. By occupation he was both farmer and blacksmith, following his trade in

the vicinity of his birth until 1806, when he moved to Lancaster county, buying at that time a farm near Wentz's Mill, in Martic township. In the estimation of his neighbors he was a prosperous man, and that he was kind-hearted may be inferred when it is stated that a signing of a note in order to relieve a friend from financial difficulties resulted in his own ruin, making it necessary for him to resume his laborious trade again. Removing after this disaster to Drumore township, he located near Friends Drumore Particular Meeting, and there continued for a time in the blacksmith business, but in 1828 he emigrated to Jefferson county, Ohio, and rented a farm near Steubenville. Nine years later he removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he bought a farm upon which he remained until the time of his death, his burial being in Millwood cemetery, in the same county. While George Lamborn was still a young man and living at Chadds Ford, he accidentally discovered a vein of fine anthracite coal, while on a hunting tour. On account of the parsimony of the owner of the land upon which it was found the vein was never worked, the exact location of the find being at present known only to two persons, George S. Lamborn, of Liberty Square, Lancaster county, and his cousin, Harvey Baker, of Pittsburg, the former of whom owns the original draft. The children born to the first marriage of George Lamborn were: Lewis, Benjamin, Thomas, Ann, Marshall and Lydia, all of whom were married by the Friends' ceremony. The children of the second marriage were: Smedley, Susanna; John; Esther; Robert; Mary; Philena; Jacob; Lindley; and Martha. Changes came into this family, some of the members marrying into other religious societies, the result being that Smedley, the direct ancestor of George S. Lamborn, was the only one who adhered to the simple ceremony of the Friends, which had united his ancestors.

Smedley Lamborn, son of George and Mary Lamborn, was born in Chester county Jan. 6, 1807, and died Sept. 26, 1851. On Dec. 22, 1830, he was united in wedlock to Margaret Bolton, who was born Aug. 26, 1810, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bolton; she died on Nov. 21, 1855. Her parents were formerly residents of Bucks county, Pa., where he carried on a business of chair and spinning wheel maker, engaging in farming after locating in Lancaster county. Smedley Lamborn was a man of excellent morals and religious habits of thought, being also a man of liberal ideas and one much interested in all reform movements. As an ardent anti-slavery man he took an interested part in the workings of the Underground Railroad, and was as active in the cause of temperance. By trade he was a blacksmith, having been a pupil of Edward Green, but at the age of twenty-three years he bought the farm in Martic township on which his son George now resides. After his marriage he opened up a smithy on his farm near Wentz's Mill,





and there, with excellent machinery adapted to his purpose, he did a good business.

It was in that place that George S. Lamborn, of Lancaster county, was born, and it is recalled in his mind by several incidents of early childhood, they probably being the very earliest events impressed upon his mind, and particularly interesting on that account. Mr. Lamborn recalls an occasion when his beloved mother tenderly put him to sleep in his little bed, and then started to the mill in order to get some flour. On her return she was surprised to meet her little son on the road, coming to meet her. What took place then Mr. Lamborn does not recall, but it was of enough importance to fix the incident upon his memory. He also recalls a visit which he made to the smithy and return home through the dark night, in the arms of one of the apprentices, the change from the glow of the forge to the blackness of the outside world probably accounting for the impress made upon the childish imagination.

Smedley Lamborn continued his trade in that vicinity until the spring of 1837, at which time he moved to a tenant house on Elijah Worls' farm, which was one-half mile northeast of Liberty Square, and from this place he went back and forth to do a little farming on his Martie township tract, the residence being occupied at this time by Jacob Paxton. In the spring of 1839 he moved to that place and commenced the heavy work of clearing up a farm, the first business being the removal of scattered trees, bushes, stones and rocks and the draining of swamps, preliminary to fencing, as none of the latter had been finished, with the exception of fourteen acres. The buildings consisted of an old log house and barn, and a stone spring-house, the latter being still a stanch relic of days prior to the time of Smedley Lamborn. The old barn was roofed with straw and was almost in a swamp, while the dwelling was also old and uncomfortable, being the second one on this place. Although things had a rather discouraging outlook Smedley hired help, and being a man of untiring energy he instilled a part of it into his assistants, and in a few years brought a fine farm out of the seeming chaos. The dwelling was repaired, a wagon house and other shelters were built, and in 1847 a substantial barn was erected. These were years of unremitting toil, and although there was never a pause in the industry of the father, he was ably assisted by the efforts of his sons, George S. and Aquilla B., the labors of the latter including the clearing of the land, the sawing of logs and the hauling of limestone and lime, and aside from these duties, the necessary farm work and chores came also within their line.

Mr. Lamborn recalls the occasion of his first experience in hay loading. This was in the summer of 1839. His father was taking in a load of sweet meadow hay, and, probably being short of help, placed his son George S. on the load to tramp it down as he pitched it in great forkfuls from the ground. Although but a lad of eight years, his

wholesome bringing up had made him sturdy and strong, and he recalls with satisfaction that from that first successful experience during the sixty-three years that have passed since then he has never missed the enjoyment and exhilaration of participating in a hay or wheat harvest, and still further, he has never had a single lead to play him the scurvy trick of falling off.

From 1847 to 1851 prosperity smiled on the efforts of Smedley Lamborn in his farming operations, although the dear and sympathetic mother was often seen to be sorrowful that her family had to be content with such plain food, through the struggling years. She was a woman of the most elevated character, and was beloved by all who knew her. In the fall of 1851, Smedley died, and his widow and the noble sons carried on the work of the farm for some time. The children born to Smedley Lamborn and wife were: George S., Aquilla B., Emeline, Elwood, William Lewis, Elizabeth, Sarah E., Priscilla S., Alice Ann, Lucinda and Lydia. All of these married, six of them adhering to the principles of Friends to the degree of using the simple and expressive marriage ceremony, these being George S., William Lewis, Sarah, Alice Ann, Lucinda and Lydia, while the others were married by the mayor of the city of Lancaster.

George S. Lamborn, of Liberty Square, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 24, 1831, the eldest child of his parents. In the fall of 1853 he attended Benjamin Hoops's Boarding School, near Avondale, Chester county, and remained there through that winter. In the spring of 1854, he hired with his uncle, Jacob Baker, as clerk, and for other work, the uncle being engaged in the business of lime burning in Chester county, and Mr. Lamborn remained with this relative until the fall, at which time he returned to his home, and with his brother Aquilla B., took charge of the farm, and in the summer of 1855 they built a new house. The family still remained together at this time, with the exception of Emeline, and great were the anticipations and preparations for the occupancy of the new and comfortable residence. The pleasant plans were forgotten, however, in the sudden illness of the beloved mother, who was taken ill with pneumonia, and died Nov. 21, 1855. Elizabeth then took charge of the home, but with the beloved mother gone, the others gradually left, and the family became scattered.

On May 8, 1856, George S. Lamborn was united by Friends' ceremony to Sarah W. Coates, who was born Feb. 7, 1831, a daughter of Ellis and Abigail Coates, of Hometown, Chester county. Then George S. and Aquilla B. took charge of the farm, in partnership; Elwood went to work at the blacksmith's trade; William embarked in an agency business, also taught school; and the younger girls found homes in neighboring families. In the school year of 1866-7, George S. taught school, the fall term being in an old stone schoolhouse situated in a swamp, near the Buck hotel, that being in the days prior



to the discovery of the germs, which in later years we are disposed to think lurk in every marshy spot. The winter school was at Oregon schoolhouse, which was situated in the forest, south of the Hugh Penny farm in Drumore township.

In 1861, George S. bought out his brother's interest in the farm, or rather, a division was made, by which George S. took the old homestead, and Aquilla B. the southern portion of the place, which had been bought and added to the original. This farm had been taken up in 1754, and it has been the home of George S. Lamborn for sixty-three years. In 1856 he became especially interested in mineralogy, his curiosity being awakened by his first find, when a boy, of a cubic specimen of "fool's gold," or iron pyrites, and during succeeding years he has continued collecting, until now he has one of the most interesting as well as valuable assortments of minerals, Indian relics, fossils, shells and other curiosities, in the locality, well worth a position in some public museum. Mr. Lamborn through study of Mineralogy, Geology, Archaeology and Paleontology has become thoroughly acquainted with his collections, and a study of Philately has also in some degree, occupied his attention, as he has become the owner of a valuable assortment of stamps. Although naturally this collection is very precious to Mr. Lamborn, and has cost time, money and effort, in its acquirement, he is very unselfish about it, and has endeavored to make practical use of it in the instruction of the school children of his locality.

In 1862 Mr. Lamborn accepted a position as school director, being peculiarly well qualified for its duties. As secretary of the board, when making his monthly visits, it was his custom to take with him some of the minerals, and when the children became interested in looking at these, he would instruct them concerning these things, and thus endeavor to awaken a love for the wonders of a world which too often was but as a sealed book to them. It was also the commendable custom of Mr. Lamborn to carry with him his galvanic battery, and make merry with the children, while explaining to them its powers and use. These visits were welcomed by the children, and the occasions were never forgotten. After closing his relations with the school board, after a period of fifteen years, Mr. Lamborn was elected to the office of district auditor, faithfully performing the duties pertaining to it until the present time, having also efficiently served during the intervening years as county-juryman and road and bridge-viewer.

Perhaps in no way has Mr. Lamborn been more conspicuous in his locality, than in his unswerving adherence to the cause of temperance. The disastrous effects of strong drink were so realized by him in early life, that at the age of eleven years he induced eleven other youths to join him in taking the pledge of the Washingtonian Temperance So-

ciety, this organization then being prominently before the public, the occasion being at a meeting at the old Silver Spring schoolhouse, near Liberty Square. Mr. Lamborn has been consistent in his attitude on this question, having never handled or tasted intoxicating liquor, and has been the only voter of the Temperance ticket in his district.

It was not strange that when Mr. Lamborn reached the age of mature reflection he should become a strong anti-slavery man, his feeling of right making him the advocate of all men, without regard to color. While still a lad in the public school, he testified his faith in a schoolmate of another race, the occasion being related by Mr. Lamborn. A colored lad had been subjected to punishment for some infraction of the rules, and the teacher decided to exact the "pound of flesh" unless the offender could find some one to offer to be security for him. Doubtless, if the lad had been white, many excusers would have been found, but George S. Lamborn was the only fellow-student who was willing to show that much confidence in him. When the week of trial was ended, the colored boy had fully satisfied his bond. As a testimonial of his gratitude, he presented his bondsman with a musical instrument, this being one of his own most valued possessions.

Reared in the Society of Friends, the simplicity and peacefulness of their religious belief, has always been of the greatest moment to George S. Lamborn. To the Bible he has given much study, and he is inclined to fall in with many of the leading religious thinkers of the day, that very much of it must be taken in a spiritual sense, and that many of the incidents related therein must have been written by different authors, from their own point of view. It would be his wish to have it so eliminated that its history has no contradictions and all impure sentiments should give way to the lofty imagery which in that sense makes it the Book of Books.

Through long years of study and reflection, Mr. Lamborn has done his best to exert an influence against impurity in politics, believing that many machine manipulations tend not only to breed, but to foster tendencies toward the vile tyrant, Anarchy. In the true sense of the word, he has been a member of the Republican party, although at times he has felt called upon to vote for the man he judged best, irrespective of party tie.

Possessing a mechanical and inventive turn of mind, Mr. Lamborn has produced many articles well worthy the time consumed in their construction. In connection with his other business, he bought the agency for farm and other machinery, his judgment enabling him to select the best and most satisfactory kinds. As a farmer, he was always considered one of the most successful and progressive, having at all times had an eye to convenience and improvement, both in farm and in farm buildings. Although Mr. Lamborn has never given







any attention to the mechanical part of music, his ear is one attuned to sweet sounds, the blowing winds, the rolling billows as well as the singing birds and the whisperings of the forests, producing harmonies for him. In all her aspects, Nature presents to him an attractive face.

Few men in this locality have seen more of their own land than Mr. Lamborn, his enjoyment of travel being both physical and mental. From the time he made his first trip, from Strasburg to Philadelphia, in 1851, until the date of the last one, from McCalls Ferry to Bedford, Pa., he has covered 14,425 miles by railroad, 270 miles by steam-boat, this not inclusive of the long trips made on foot and by carriage. In his pleasant wanderings, Mr. Lamborn has made three trips to Monroe, Iowa, the first in 1879, the second in 1884, and the third in 1893; to the World's Fair, in Chicago; three visits to Niagara Falls; the Provincial Fair, in Toronto, Canada; the Centennial, in Philadelphia, to sea shore and through mountains, and all over several counties of the Keystone State. The time and money which Mr. Lamborn has expended on these visits, he considers more remunerative in every way, than if he had used the same for either questionable enjoyments or for the purchase of strong drink, or tobacco, having such an antipathy to the latter as to refuse even to grow it.

Mr. Lamborn is most highly esteemed in his neighborhood, where his kindly, charitable nature is so well known. His hand is ever extended in manly friendship to those who deserve it, while many have been the cases when he has quietly assisted those who did not always deserve his charity. Social by nature, his travel and study have made him a very delightful host, and one of the many reunions of various kinds, well remembered, is one which took place on Feb. 22, 1897, the gathering being composed of his brothers and sisters, in his hospitable home. At this time, Mr. Lamborn addressed the company in these words:

Brothers and sisters, relatives and friends: We are happy once more to welcome you back to the old homestead, where memory loves to linger, and where, in childhood's unconcern, we children gathered wild flowers in wood and vale, and fished beside the laughing stream, chased the butterfly in yonder meadow, or in wintry sport, sliding down the icy hills, little realizing the care and anxiety that filled our parents' hearts for our comfort and support, for it is but little that children know of the trials and privations parents undergo for them, only as the experience in after years proves it.

Yes, when I wander back, in mind, I hear the sweet voice of our dear mother singing a lullaby to the infant in its cradle, or hear her merry song as she goes about her daily work, busy with the spinning wheel in the kitchen at one end of the apartment, or, as the two were one, adjusting her little parlor at the other, while the old clock upon the wall ticks away the fleeting moments. I imagine, too, I hear the voice of our dear father, humming a favorite song, while about the duties of the farm, or whistling a lively march, as with his brawny arm he forges the heated iron on the anvil.

I also see that old, old house from within whose walls came many merry voices, and where were shed many

bitter tears of sorrow; and through whose roof sifted the driving snow, spreading its icy mantle upon the humble couch beneath; and the beating rains came relentlessly through the walls and ran in little streams across the warped and uncarpeted floor. As tradition has it, it was used by former occupants as an inn, dealing over its bar that which brings to the human family untold misery, woe and want. And seemingly to make amends for the evil, the old house was so arranged that religious meetings might be held therein. Then in their turn came the clank of the loom and the humming of the spinning wheel, which now are hushed. Nothing now remains to mark the spot where the old house stood but that bunch of roses planted by our mother's hand. The old shop is gone; the ring of the anvil is heard no more; and the old barn, where we frolicked and played upon the straw, and fought the wasps in the old thatched roof, leaves no trace behind. All have gone, except the old spring-house, which, too, is following the inevitable law, passing away, passing away, and then all will be gone save that spring of pure and sparkling water at whose brink many weary travelers have been refreshed, and in whose waters were many baptisms. It alone will remain as a living monument of the past.

This same law is carrying us down the stream of time; and in a few short years will land us on the brink of Eternity. There, standing by the waters of the river of Death, piercing through the over-hanging mist, listening to the sweet voices from the other shore, beckoning us to come hither, away from a cold and selfish world into a state of everlasting bliss—yes, the voices of our parents, sisters and brothers.

Dear ones, let not this review of the past, or thoughts of the future, discourage us, for the time will soon come when all knowledge and trace of our existence here will have passed into oblivion. For such is the law of Nature, that one generation passes away and another comes. Now many of us are parents, and our children look to us for support, counsel and influence. Do we fully realize our responsibility? Can we stand firm for the right? Let not the light remark or the impertinent reply, coming from the lips of the little ones we love, permit us to lose our control in our management of them, for, most assuredly it will lead to disobedience, first to parent and friend, next to country, and then to God.

Disobedience to known law leads to ruin, and obedience to greatness. This is strikingly exemplified in the life of the illustrious man whose birthday we now celebrate, and whose obedience to the guarded care and influence of a wise and devoted mother, placed him at the head of our nation, and through his untiring efforts, hardships and trials, in connection with other patriots of his time, succeeded in establishing the best form of government the world has ever seen. Although corruption steals in, yet the people have the power to rectify all mistakes or grievances that may arise, by exercising their judgment at the ballot-box. This power can be greatly strengthened by extending to both sexes alike the right of suffrage, under certain educational qualifications. When this is done, the fell monster, Intemperance, with all its ruinous consequences, would soon lose its power and be banished from our midst. Would not this be progress? Would not this be adding to the great work commenced by the Father of the Republic? The labor they commenced we must shoulder, and with the battle-axe of right hew down the forests of evil that exist or may rise before us; and as each succeeding celebration of the birthday of the Father of his Country comes upon us, let us see that the portals are guarded and the governmental apartments are cleanly swept.

Also, let it be a reminder that not only this day but every day should be celebrated unto Him who has seen fit to place us in this world to work out our own destiny, for good or for evil. Then let us look on all earthly trials as lessons given us in the school of adversity, lessons which, if rightly understood, will teach us to enjoy the



persent; and let that enjoyment be of such a character that it will leave no sting behind, but will lead us, step by step, into the paths of purity and peace.

The children born to George S. Lamborn were: Margaret Coates; Mary Miller; Priscilla S.; John Comley; Anna Mary; Charles Linnacus; and Lucretia Mott. Mr. Lamborn is now retired from business activity. It has never been an object with him to accumulate large means, although his standing is one of substantiality and responsibility in the neighborhood. Few men have crossed the stage of affairs in Lancaster county who have left a more indelible impress upon the locality in which circumstances placed them than George S. Lamborn, standing as he always has for the highest standards of living and ever working to promote those influences which work for the progress and development of the best interests of his section. By example, by tongue and pen, he has lived as he has preached, and represents in every way the highest type of representative citizen.

Since the above was written, and as if to verify it, George S. Lamborn appeared as an advocate for rural free delivery. He was the first in the neighborhood to make a move for the establishment of a route—a privilege almost unheard, or unthought, of by most of the inhabitants of his vicinity. He commenced his work for it Jan. 13, 1902, and regardless of the filed protests against it in the Postoffice Department, the jeers and scoffings by the country postmasters and their henchmen, he succeeded by the kind efforts of Congressman H. Burd Cassel, and the just considerations of the Postoffice Department, in establishing the route on Nov. 1, 1902, which he feels to be a crowning effort of his life work, and a cherished boon to his fellow patrons of the Bonview Route No. 1. This new departure is quite a contrast, and Mr. Lamborn has bridged a period of time in mail facilities almost unequalled by any other nation of the world. He well remembers being sent for mail, when a boy, several miles from home, to be rewarded by receiving a letter for his father, from the latter's father in Ohio, which had been on the road about ninety days at a cost of twenty-five cents. Now a letter can be had from the same place in two days, at a cost of two cents, and delivered at the yard gate. Rapid strides have been made in improvements, economy, extravagance, and selfishness in the last fifty years of the country's history.

REV. CHARLES LIVINGSTON FRY, long-time pastor (1881-1901) of the historic old Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Lancaster, founded in 1730, has left a monument to his zeal and devotion in this great congregation, which is numerically the strongest in Lancaster, having 1,040 communicants.

Mr. Fry is descended from a family that for generations has been prominent in Pennsylvania, both in church and State. His grandfather was famil-

iarly known, during his official life at Harrisburg, as Auditor General of the State, as "Honest Jacob Fry." His father, who for thirty-two years was pastor of Old Trinity Church at Reading, Pa., is now the Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, and one of the leading spirits in the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He is the author of a work on the Science of Homiletics, now in general use as a text-book in Lutheran Seminaries throughout the country.

The first ancestor to come to this country, from the Palatinate, Germany, was Henry Fry, who arrived in America in the year 1680, having been driven from his home by religious bigotry and persecution. He was one of the founders of Germantown, where his son Jacob, and his grandson, Henry, spent their lives on the paternal estate. It is a matter worthy of note, that in this family for generations the names of Jacob and Henry alternated.

Dr. Jacob Fry, the distinguished Professor at Mount Airy, was ordained to the ministry at the age of nineteen years. Eliza Jane Wartles, his wife, was born in New England, a daughter of Harvey Wartles, afterwards a resident of Gettysburg. To this union were born the following children: Rev. Charles Livingston; Miss Mary Gross; Miss Kate Wartles; Anne Gillespie, wife of Philip S. Zieber, a lawyer of Reading; Rev. Franklin Foster, for eleven years pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, of Bethlehem, Pa., and now of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.; Josephine Cassidy, wife of William Benbow, church organist and musician, at Reading; and Miss Jennie, unmarried.

Rev. Charles Livingston Fry graduated from the Reading High School in 1875; from Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, in 1878, and from the Theological Seminary, at Philadelphia, in 1881. Immediately after his entrance upon the work of the gospel ministry, he was called to Lancaster, as an associate of Dr. Emanuel Greenwald, the pastor of Holy Trinity Church, who was then a very aged man, and upon his death in 1885 succeeded to the pastorate by unanimous vote of the congregation.

Mr. Fry has lectured before many institutions of learning, and educational conventions. While in charge of Trinity Church, his constant effort was to develop the religious life of the young people. His labor was unceasing to bring the Church close to the hearts of the people, and in this he was eminently successful. Mr. Fry has been a frequent contributor to the press, was associate editor for some years of *Christian Culture*, and a member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. He was president of the Lancaster Center of University Extension from its inception in the city until his removal to his present metropolitan field of labor, which occurred Jan. 1, 1901, when he became pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in Philadelphia, one of the most important churches in his denomination in the State. He is also the





Literature Secretary of the Luther League of America, having entire charge of mapping out its various reading courses and student efforts. The Sunday school of Trinity Church is one of its principal features, and Mr. Fry devoted much of his time to its interests. The singing of oratorio anthems by the young people, and the music on great festivals, was proverbial as the standard of comparison in the community.

On June 9, 1891, Rev. Mr. Fry was married, the tenth anniversary of his ordination, to Miss Laura F., only daughter of Henry M. Housekeeper, a retired architect and builder in Philadelphia. The summer of that year they spent on a bridal tour in Europe visiting Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France and England. On their return they were extended a public reception in which all denominations participated. Mr. Fry was the prime mover in the refined entertainments that were given every month in the court house during the winter of 1890-91, free of cost to the laboring classes, and was for years an active worker in a number of literary societies of the city.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fry has been blessed by the birth of two children: Henry Jacob, born May 2, 1892; and Charles Luther, March 16, 1894. A more ideal family relation can hardly be found than that which exists in their home. Mr. Fry is as devoted to his family as to the Church, and to the great reforming and uplifting agencies of life. He is a friend of the poor and a helper to the needy. The descendant of a long line of Lutheran ancestors from the early days in the Palatinate, he wears worthily the mantle of his fathers.

**VERY REV. ANTHONY F. KAUL, V. F.**, the founder and present popular rector of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, of Lancaster, is also Dean of York and Lancaster counties, the bishop of the diocese having conferred the title of Dean upon him in July, 1893. On June 13, 1894, the feast of the Patron Saint of the church, occurred his silver jubilee, commemorating the twenty-five years that had elapsed since his ordination, an event of surpassing and memorable interest to the congregation of St. Anthony and to the community in general.

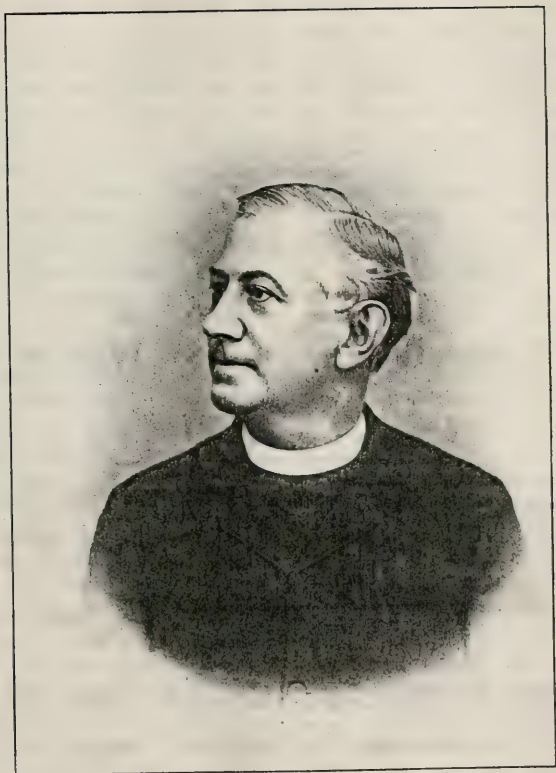
Father Kaul was born in Sinsheim, Baden, Germany, June 8, 1846, and his father, Pirmin Kaul, was born in the same locality May 20, 1808, a son of John Kaul, of French descent. Pirmin Kaul was a tailor by occupation, and he was also engaged in the manufacture of epaulets and military regalia. He was married, Nov. 28, 1830, to Miss Magdelene, daughter of George Philip Dick, Burgomaster of Grumbach, Baden; she was born Feb. 20, 1804, in Grumbach. Early in 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Kaul embarked on an English sailing vessel at Antwerp, and after a stormy voyage of forty-seven days landed in New York city, July 7th. Going to Philadelphia, they remained there a short

time, and then went to Reading, where they resided for about six months. In April, 1848, Pirmin Kaul located on a farm two miles from Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until Aug. 15, 1852. From that time until 1862 he was engaged in the hotel business in Reading, after which he retired to private life. In 1877 he came to Lancaster, where he made his home until his death, which occurred June 5, 1883, at the ripe age of seventy-five years. Politically Pirmin Kaul was a Democrat, and in religious belief he was a Roman Catholic. Mrs. Kaul made her home with Father Kaul until a few years ago, when she was called to her reward. In her will she left a bequest for the erection of a clock in the tower of the beloved St. Anthony's church, and this clock has come to be regarded as a veritable public blessing, particularly to the people of the eastern side of the city. Of the seven children of Pirmin and Magdelene (Dick) Kaul, all but one reached adult age, and are still living: (1) Annette became the wife of Christian Burger, of Reading, Pa.; (2) John H., a retired merchant, lives in this city; (3) Joseph, now known as Brother Leopold, is professor of music in Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind.; (4) Mary W., housekeeper for Father Kaul, teaches painting and kindred branches at the Sacred Heart Academy; (5) Elizabeth, now sister M. Stanislaus, a sister of the Holy Cross and an adept in music, is Superior of the Sacred Heart Academy, Lancaster; (6) the Very Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, of Lancaster, is the youngest of the family.

Father Kaul passed his early years in the public and parochial schools at Reading, Pa. In 1862 he became a student in St. Charles Preparatory Seminary, Glen Riddle, Pa., which school was then under the direction of the late Bishop Shanahan. After completing the classical course Father Kaul entered St. Charles Theological Seminary, on Eighteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia, where he pursued his philosophical and theological course, and was ordained Aug. 22, 1869, at Harrisburg, by Bishop Shanahan, first bishop of that diocese. The young priest was sent to Lancaster as assistant to the late Father F. L. Newfeld, of St. Joseph's church, arriving Sept. 24, 1869. In the spring of the following year it was decided to form a new parish from St. Joseph's congregation, the boundary lines being set by the bishop. This comprised all east of North Water, South Queen and Strawberry streets. The church, which is located at the corner of Ann and Orange streets, was founded in April, 1870, by Father Kaul, who worked indefatigably to achieve this end. The lot on which the structure stands is 245x340 feet, and was purchased for \$3,500; at the time it was used as a cornfield. The cornerstone was laid Aug. 14, 1870, in the presence of a large concourse. Rev. Father McGinnis, of Danville, Pa., being deputized by the late Very Rev. Bernard Keenan, administrator of the diocese







*Anthony F. Kaul*



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during the absence of the bishop at the Vatican Council at Rome, to take charge of the ceremony. For the first four years the basement was used for church services, this portion being dedicated April 9, 1871, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Shanahan. The edifice was completed and dedicated May 17, 1875. The church, which is 142 feet in length and 65 feet in width, is built of brick, and ornamented with brown stone; the buttresses are capped with the same kind of stone. The height of the walls above the foundation is 38 feet, while the height of the cone of the roof is about 80 feet. In the front of the church is a tower of brick about 115 feet in height, which makes the steeple the highest in the city. The building stands back some distance from and faces on Orange street, and is entered by three massive doors of solid walnut, which lead into a roomy and well-arranged vestibule. From the vestibule are doors that lead into the church, and a stairway that leads into the gallery. The audience room is decidedly the handsomest in the city; it is about 100 feet long, 63 feet wide and 50 feet high from the floor to the top of the arched ceiling. The wainscoting, pews and other woodwork are finished in walnut and ash. The chancel, which is raised four steps, is enclosed with a heavy walnut railing and carpeted with fine brussels. The ceiling is formed by a Gothic arch springing from the side walls and flattened at the top. Between the windows are heavy Gothic ribs resting in brackets and reaching to the flattened part of the ceiling. From each end of these massive ribs, which are beautifully frescoed, depend large drops, two feet or more in length, of handsome pattern and finished in gold. The gas fixtures comprise ten pedestal lights, being of gold and bronze, and of new and handsome design, placed in two rows, equi-distant from the middle and side aisles. On either side of the altar are scroll brackets with five burners each, and suspended from the ceiling in front of the altar hangs a large sanctuary lamp, which is kept constantly burning. This is surmounted by a very beautiful glass globe, rose red in color. Immediately behind the principal altar is a life-size and very excellent picture of the crucifixion, painted by the late Louis Reingruber, the well known artist of Lancaster. On either side are paintings of equal size, representing the Nativity of Christ and the Adoration of the Magi. On the east and west slopes of the ceiling are portraits of all the apostles. The fourteen large oil paintings representing the stations are framed in walnut; they are copies of De Schwanden, the famous Munich artist. On either side of the sanctuary arch is an angel with outspread wings and folded hands, and above the arch is an angel holding a scroll bearing the words *Ecce tabernaculum Dei*. The shading of the ground work is stone color, so handsomely intermingled with brighter shades and hues, however, as to be difficult of description. Nearly every panel contains the picture of a saint, and around these are

twined a perfect wilderness of arches, columns, ribs, scrolls, etc. Besides the main altar there are two other altars in the main audience room. The main altar stands within a large arched recess, at the extreme end of the church, and it is painted pure white, tipped with gold. It is eighteen feet in height from the top of the "exposition" to the base. The figure of an adoring angel stands on a pedestal on either side of the altar, while upon the top of the altar are placed six candlesticks, each nine feet three inches in height. On both sides of the main altar, and a little farther to the front, are two smaller altars, also placed within handsomely frescoed arches. One is St. Mary's and the other St. Joseph's. They are of handsome design, and on them are placed respectively statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. The lofty windows of the church are of beautiful design, and set with stained glass of many brilliant colors. The upper sash of each window contains two figures of saints. All the windows and paintings have been presented by members or friends of the parish. The three small windows above the sanctuary contain pictures of the blessed sacrament, and adoring angels are represented on either side. The gallery is in the south end of the audience room and extends entirely across it. It is supported by handsome columns and is reached by a stairway built in the vestibule of the church. The stairway and the gallery are wainscoted in solid walnut. The church has a seating capacity of 1,200 people, and cost over \$60,000. The grand pipe organ is valued at \$5,000, and the gold embroidered vestments were purchased at a cost of \$2,000.

In the fall of 1871 a parochial school was opened in the basement of the church, with two lay teachers, and two years later the present teachers, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind., took charge, and also opened an academy and boarding school for young ladies, known as the Sacred Heart Academy. In the spring of 1876 Father Kaul purchased a lot opposite the church, on the southeast corner of Ann and Orange streets, for \$4,300, on which was erected the academy, a three-story and basement brick building, fitted out with all modern improvements. Every facility is afforded in this high-class and widely-known institution for the education of young ladies, the curriculum embracing not only the various branches of elementary studies, but deportment, physical culture and everything that goes to the making of perfect womanhood. Special attention is given to music and art, and every attention is paid to the comfort and training of pupils—the place being noted for its homelike and elevating environments.

In the year 1872 a temporary parochial residence was built to the east of the church, and in 1873 five acres of land for cemetery purposes were purchased in the extension of Orange street. In 1892 a like number of acres, adjoining the old cemetery, were bought, and this is now known as St.





Anthony's cemetery. In 1896, for the benefit of the young men of the parish, a commodious and finely appointed brick building of three stories and basement was erected, the first floor being used as a school, the second for library purposes and the third for a hall, while the basement is devoted to a gymnasium.

The handsomest rectory in all Lancaster has been erected on the lot west of the church and connected with the church by a gallery. The various societies of the church are in a flourishing condition, the most prominent of these being St. Anthony's Beneficial Society and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and of the Guardian Angel. The congregation now numbers about three hundred families.

In 1881 Father Kaul went to Europe, traveling extensively in Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany and Italy. While in Rome he had an interview with Pope Leo XIII, from whom he received the papal blessing, and upon his return to his congregation conferred it upon them. In 1886 he made a second trip to Europe, passing most of his time in Germany; and in 1900, his eyesight having become seriously impaired, he again made a voyage to Europe, this time to consult specialists.

Such is a brief and necessarily imperfect glimpse of Father Kaul, his ancestry, and the parish which he founded, and which he has nourished into its present grand proportions. To tell the complete story of his noble life and work would in itself fill a volume. He has been interested in the general welfare of Lancaster also, and was one of the active promoters of the Eastern Market—of such great benefit to the eastern part of the city. The appreciation of his work—as well as of Father Kaul personally—was fully attested when, in 1900, he made the trip to Europe to consult noted oculists; prayers were uttered by every lip for a safe return and a full restoration of health and eyesight, and this alone showed how deep a hold he had on the hearts of the people, regardless of denomination.

**JOHN ROLAND**, formerly both a stationary engineer and a farmer, with his residence in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in the Rhine province of Prussia, June 19, 1833, to Adolph and Gertrude (Steimel) Roland.

The Roland family came to America in 1832 and for two months lived in New Jersey, whence with only two dollars among them they came to Lancaster county and located at Chestnut Hill, in West Hempfield township, where they remained until 1862, when, with the exception of John, they moved to Columbia, near which city the father was employed in farming. The father, Adolph Roland, died in Columbia in May, 1864, when seventy years old, and the mother, Gertrude (Steimel) Roland, died in 1850, aged seventy-one years, and the remains of both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Columbia, as they had been devout members

of that church during the entire period of their earthly pilgrimage. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Margaret, deceased wife of John Baker; Christina, wife of Harmon Wegand, of Columbia; John; Theodore, a coal merchant in Columbia; Helen, deceased wife of W. J. Shaffer, a druggist of Philadelphia; Rev. Frank, who was studying for the priesthood, but died at Vincent College; and Feronigal, who died young in New York.

John Roland began working for himself in 1853, in the ore banks in West Hempfield township for the New York Iron Ore Company and continued with this company until April, 1884, when he purchased his present farm of thirty-seven acres.

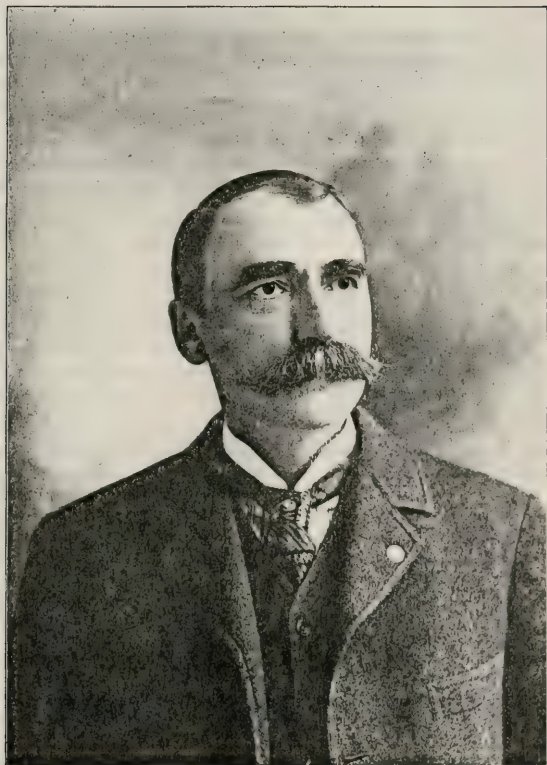
On April 27, 1863, John Roland married Agnes Sheit in Lancaster and to this union there were born twelve children, in the following order: Theodore, a stationary engineer at Columbia; John, who died young; Peter, a music dealer in Columbia; Elizabeth, in Lancaster; Andrew, who died at the age of twenty years; Joseph, who died young; Mary, in Lancaster; Agnes and Barbara, at home; William, in Columbia; Clara, at home; and Charles, who died young.

Mrs. Agnes (Sheit) Roland, like her husband, was born in the Rhine province of Prussia, her birth occurring May 5, 1840, and her parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Caber) Sheit, who came to America in 1850, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., where the father died in 1872, and the mother in 1888, the latter at the age of seventy-eight. To Peter and Elizabeth Sheit were born four children, viz: Agnes, named above; Catherine, deceased; Anna, deceased, and Barbara, wife of John Kirch, of Lancaster.

Mr. Roland has made a success of life and by strict integrity and industrious habits has secured a competency. Besides his farm he owns other property in West Hempfield township, and prosperity attends his every effort. He and his family are devoted members of the Catholic Church, to the support of which they ever contribute most liberally; in politics Mr. Roland is a Republican, but has never been willing to accept public office.

**ALFRED H. WORREST**, son of Henry W. and Hannah (Sweigart) Worrest, was born July 28, 1855, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa. Henry W. Worrest, a son of Peter and Margaret (Tierce) Worrest, the former a farmer, was born at Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa., in 1822, and died in 1884. Hannah (Sweigart) Worrest, daughter of Isaac and Leah (Reidenbaugh) Sweigart, farming people, was born near New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1825, and died in 1898. Alfred H. Worrest comes of two of the old families of this section, both his grandfathers having operated teams between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, Pa., before the days of railroads. Some of the family have dropped the "re" and spell the name Worst.





*A. H. Worrest*





Henry W. Worrest, father of Alfred H., was well and favorably known in the district in which he lived. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, his wife was a Lutheran; both are buried in St. John's cemetery, Compassville, Chester Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: Alfred H., living in Lancaster, Pa.; Harry, deceased; Charles S., a farmer, living in Nebraska; Miss Lizzie L. and Miss Annie M., of Pequea, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Until he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Worrest remained with his father, assisting on the farm, and receiving remuneration in board and clothes. Any time that he could get off from the farm work was spent in selling agricultural implements to the farmers of the neighborhood. The following year he was employed by his uncle, John P. Sweigart, at the "Mansion House" at Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa. The succeeding two years he spent in raising tobacco and selling agricultural implements, having associated himself the second year with his cousin, T. K. Sweigart, under the firm name of Worrest & Sweigart, Pequea, Pa. They then sold a full line of these implements. This firm was dissolved in 1882, by mutual consent, Mr. Worrest having accepted a position with the Genesee Valley Manufacturing Company, of Mt. Morris, N. Y., to represent them as general agent for eastern Pennsylvania and adjoining States. This position he held for eight years, during which time he invented what is known as the Royal Fertilizer Feeder for grain drills, and which is used by this company on their drills, they having a license under the patents to manufacture it. After severing his connection with the above mentioned company Mr. Worrest settled on a farm in Glenloch, Chester Co., Pa. During that year he sold the farm to Henry Geisse, and the following spring returned to Lancaster, accepting a position with the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, Ill., and remaining with them one season, representing them in Lancaster, Chester and Delaware counties, Pa. In this year (1891) he invented the safety buggy, which he had manufactured for him by D. A. Allick's Son, of Lancaster, under the name of the Safety Buggy Works, and which he sold for three years. During this period he had been several times approached on the subject of forming a stock company to manufacture the Safety Buggy on a larger scale, which proposition he accepted in 1894, and the Safety Buggy Company, of Lancaster, Pa., was organized. The concern has one of the largest, if not the largest, carriage works in Lancaster county for five years Mr. Worrest was manager of and a director in the company, when the business was sold to B. G. Dodge, who has continued in its management.

After this Mr. Worrest invented the Standard Shaft and Pole Coupler, and the Standard Body Loop, both of which are for use in the construction of carriages. The Coupler he manufactured and sold under the name of the Standard Coupler Works, Lancaster, Pa. The Body Loop is made by the Keystone Forging Company, of Northumberland,

Pa., who manufacture it under the patents and a license from Mr. Worrest. In 1900 the Coupler business having grown beyond the expectation of the inventor, it was bought by the Metal Stamping Company, of New York City, for a cash consideration and a royalty on the future sales during the term of the patents. Both of these inventions are well known to the carriage trade and have very large sales. At this writing Mr. Worrest is busily engaged in introducing his latest, and what he considers his best, invention, "The Standard Ball Axle," for carriages and all other vehicles.

At the parsonage of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Compassville, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Tullidge, Alfred H. Worrest was united in marriage with Katherine F. Wanner, who was born July 17, 1859, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of Martin and Martha (Mast) Wanner, farming people of Salisbury township. Children as follows have been born to this union: Minnie E., Grace E. (deceased), Elsie M., Edgar W., Harry (who died in infancy), Warren W. and Howard A.

Mr. Worrest was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, of which his daughters are communicants, and of which he is a supporter. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, while fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Malta: I. O. O. F., Jr. O. U. A. M., and K. of P. His genius has made him known to the manufacturing world over a large territory. At his home he is still the quiet, studious man, whom his friends have known for years as the good neighbor and first-class citizen, ever anxious for the welfare of family, city and State.

DAVID GRAEFF, an eminently respected citizen of Columbia, is a retired machinist. Born Feb. 18, 1821, he has reached the venerable age of four score and two years, and is passing the evening of his well-spent life in ease and contentment. His father, who died in 1825, at the early age of twenty-six, was likewise named David, and was a descendant of a family of Swiss emigrants, who formed a portion of a colony of thirteen families that settled in Pequea Valley as early as 1702. His mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Pratt, was a daughter of James and Stabina (Stauffer) Pratt; she passed away in 1878, in her eighty-third year. James Pratt was an Englishman by birth, while his wife was a native of Lancaster.

After the death of his father young David, who was an only child, was apprenticed when a boy of fifteen years by his guardian, Daniel Zahn, to Michael Ehrman, a brass founder of Lancaster. Mr. Graeff yet has the articles of indenture, which he prizes highly. His term of apprenticeship covers a period of five years, two months and twenty-six days, and in consideration of his services he received the sum of ten pounds, and was given the privilege of attending school for sixteen months. After the expiration of his term, the young man's



love of adventure led him to enlist in the United States navy, and he shipped from Philadelphia as a landsman, being later transferred to the "North Carolina," then lying in the port of New York. After fourteen months he met with an accident which so disabled him that he was compelled to leave the service on Jan. 29, 1843. Returning to Lancaster, he began working at his trade, which he followed as a journeyman for about five years, and then spent another year in charge of the city water works. On April 1, 1850, he removed to Columbia, and established a brass foundry which he conducted for four years, when he disposed of it and began working as a machinist. In 1864 he entered the machine shop of the Pennsylvania railroad, but left this position after five years to become an engineer in a furnace. Three years later he accepted a position in the machine shop of Supplee & Bro., but within a few years returned to the employ of the railroad company. He continued in that service until Jan. 1, 1900, when his long years of faithful service were rewarded by retirement upon a pension. He is a communicant in the Episcopal Church, and independent in politics.

At Lancaster, Pa., David Graeff married Christiana Lorentz, who bore him three children: Mary C., John H. and Emma E. The oldest daughter, now deceased, married the late Cyrus G. Hinkle, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, who lost his life in an accident. John H., the only son, is also a railroad engineer, and a brief sketch of his life may be found below. Emma E., the youngest daughter, is unmarried, and lives with her parents.

Mrs. Graeff was born in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 1, 1829, a daughter of John and Magdeline (Metzgar) Lorentz, and a granddaughter of John Lorentz, Sr. John Lorentz, her father, died in Lancaster in 1834, at the age of fifty, and the mother survived him until 1855, when, at Columbia, she, too, entered into rest, having lived to pass the seventy-fifth anniversary of her birth. They were members of the Reformed and Lutheran Churches, respectively. Twenty-one children were born of their union, but owing to imperfections in the family records, the names of only a few of them can be given: Sarah, Jacob, John (all deceased), Harry, William, Mary, Leah, Eva and Christiana. Mrs. Graeff's maternal grandfather, Jacob Metzgar, accompanied his parents from Germany to America when a boy of ten years.

John H. Graeff, the only son of David and Christiana (Lorentz) Graeff, was born in Columbia, Jan. 25, 1852. He attended school until eighteen years old, and then began work in the shops of the railroad company. After two years thus spent he took a position as locomotive fireman, and in less than four years was promoted to fill the hazardous and responsible position of engineer. He yet remains in the company's employ, honored and trusted by his superiors, beloved by his fellowmen, popular in the community in which he was reared, and universally esteemed because of his manly traits

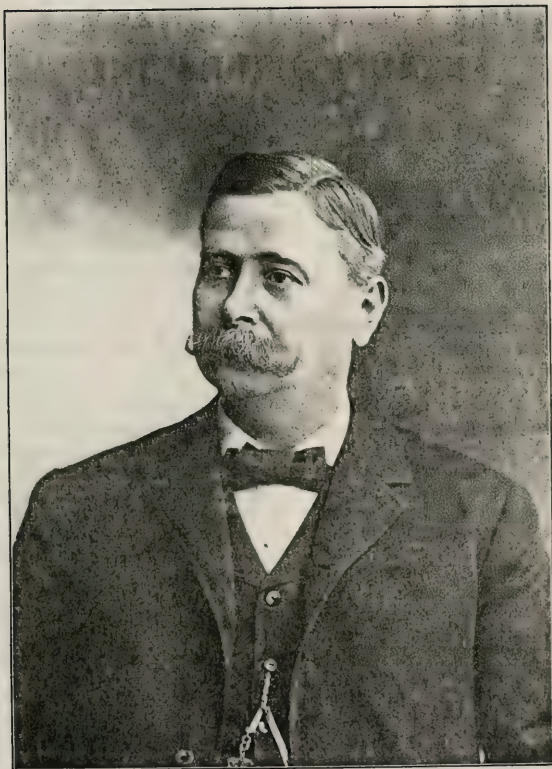
of character. He is a member of the Masonic Order and is a Knight Templar, as well as a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church.

On Jan. 23, 1879, John H. Graeff was married at Columbia, to Miss Louisa Kistler, who was born in Lancaster, Sept. 9, 1858. Her father, John J. Kistler, was a native of Switzerland, and her mother, *nee* Sophia Mythaler, was born in Baden. They came with their respective brothers and sisters to Lancaster in 1847-48, and there they were married, their parents remaining in the old world. Mr. Kistler was born in 1823, was by trade a carpenter and died Sept. 15, 1885. Mrs. Kistler was born May 15, 1827, and is yet living, making her home with her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Graeff. Mrs. Graeff is one of six children born to her parents, the others, in order of birth, being Emma, who married Charles Evans, an iron worker; Mary, the wife of Edward Edwards, a retired business man of New York; William, a stationary engineer of Steelton, Pa.; Albert, a carpenter and builder residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and John, a telegraph operator in New York City. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Graeff has been blessed with five children, namely: Stella, George D., William L., John H. and Margaret C.

PIERCE LESHER was born in the village of Reamstown, Lancaster county, May 9, 1853, and spent his early life upon the farm. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and in the State Normal School at Millersville. For four years he engaged in teaching school, and then began the manufacture of cigars. He left that business to enter the United States Internal Revenue service on July 4, 1885, becoming a deputy collector under Hon. John T. MacGonigle, collector of the 9th District, at Lancaster, taking charge of the distilled spirits accounts, and held that position under Collectors MacGonigle and Hensel until March 11, 1889, when he resigned to become assistant cashier of the Conestoga National Bank at Lancaster. His connection with that institution lasted until Aug. 1, 1889, at which time he re-entered the Revenue service as cashier under Collector Hensel, filling the office until the end of Mr. Hensel's term. He continued in the Revenue service, as deputy under Collector Sam Matt. Fridy, Esq., the successor of Mr. Hensel, and as chief deputy under Collectors Shearer and Hershey. On Jan. 1, 1900, he resigned from the Revenue service to take the position of treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Co. During the last three years of Mr. Leshner's connection with the Revenue service he was chairman of the examining committee on the Revenue and Post Office civil service boards, which position he filled with much ability. On April 1, 1903, he resigned as Treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Co. to accept the position of General Superin-







Pierce Lesher



tendent and Treasurer of the knitting mills of the Leshner-Raig Knitting Co., Limited, located at Reamstown, Pa., in which industry he is largely interested.

While in the Revenue service Mr. Leshner was called upon to pass through the most trying ordeal of his life, having been in confidential relations with the United States secret service men from June, 1898, until April, 1899, no other people in Lancaster dreaming of what was going on in their midst in the way of counterfeiting money and revenue stamps, in what is known as the Jacobs-Kendig counterfeiting cases. The secret service men made Mr. Leshner's home on West Chestnut street a place of meeting, usually calling there at dead of night. Ladders and tools of all sorts were stored there, and Mr. Leshner never knew when he retired for the night, but that he might be called to join some midnight or early morning raid. These expeditions put him to his wits' end to smooth over matters to inquiring neighbors, so as to conceal the real object of these nightly errands. His high character and unimpeachable standing, however, carried the matter over successfully. When it became necessary to acquaint his superior officer with what was going on, he wired the authorities at Washington, and the whole matter was carried through to a successful conclusion. All parties connected with this scheme were arrested, their goods, counterfeit plates, printing presses and a large quantity of counterfeit cigar stamps being seized and forfeited to the Government. In connection with this case, twelve persons were arrested, convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, it having been the most gigantic scheme ever attempted at counterfeiting in the United States. In the part taken by Mr. Leshner, in assisting to bring the guilty parties to justice, he displayed great coolness, shrewdness and courage, for which he received the highest praise from those under whom he served and the public at large.

On Nov. 25, 1885, Mr. Leshner was married to Kate P. McGinnis, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Sarah (Powell) McGinnis, the latter of whom died when the daughter was but three years old, from which time she made her home with her uncle, the late Mitchell J. Weaver, whose home she and her husband, with their two children, Mary Helen and Clara Elizabeth, now occupy. Mr. Leshner is a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, and fraternally is prominent in Masonic circles. He was one of the organizers of the Home Building & Loan Association and served on its board of directors. He was also one of the chief promoters in the organization of the Ephrata & Adamstown Railway Company and the building of their road, and he is a member of their board of directors. Mr. Leshner always took a great interest in matters pertaining to his native town and was the first to agitate the building of this line through the same, and it was owing to his efforts, mainly, that this was accomplished. He is also a director of the Adamstown & Mohnsville Rail-

way Co. Apart from this, Mr. Leshner has made a good record as a citizen and business man, by the intelligence, fidelity and ability he has brought to bear alike on his private and public labors, and he is much respected at home and abroad for his many qualities and his genial and companionable spirit.

Nicholas and Dorothy Leshner, remote ancestors of Pierce Leshner, came to America from the Palatinate prior to 1730, and made their home in Lancaster county. Here they had three sons, Nicholas, Abraham and John. John married Elizabeth Binkley, and had one son, whom he also named John, and who married Catherine Miller. To John and Catherine (Miller) Leshner were born three sons, Henry, John and William, of whom John was the father of Pierce Leshner.

John Leshner married Rebecca Matz, of Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of George and Elizabeth Matz, and a granddaughter of Lawrence Matz, who was of German descent. By this union their were two children, Pierce Leshner and Mrs. Clara L. Evans, the latter a widow, and living at Reading, Pa. Mr. Leshner's great-grandfather, John Leshner, bought a farm at Reamstown, Lancaster county, which has been in the possession of the Leshner family ever since, and is now owned by Pierce Leshner, whose name opens this sketch.

**WILLIAM CONNARD HOAR.** This gentleman has been fortunate enough to acquire a knowledge of the mysteries of two callings, one being that of a blacksmith and the other that of a farmer, but the latter seems best to please him, as he has relinquished the former, and is still engaged in his pursuit of the latter in Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

William C. Hoar was born in Buyerstown, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, March 12, 1835, a son of James and Mary (Evets) Hoar, natives of Salisbury township, who were married Aug. 5, 1819. James Hoar, the father, was born May 28, 1799, was a blacksmith all his days, and died in Buyerstown, Jan. 1, 1853. His wife, who was born July 9, 1797, had been called away Aug. 31, 1840. Their remains rest in the old Friends churchyard in Sadsbury, among those of their ancestors of generations gone by for years. Ten children graced the union of this highly respected couple, and in order of birth were as follows: Ann E., who was married to Michael Beam but is now deceased, her surviving husband being a retired farmer of Eden township; John B., also deceased; Robert, a retired farmer living in Leacock township; Rachel, widow of John Whiteside, a former veterinary surgeon in Parkesburg, Chester county, where she still has her residence; Sarah, deceased wife of William Hasson; Mary C., living in Paradise township, the widow of William Shaffer; James, deceased; Margaret, who died when young; William C., whose name heads this biographical notice; and Letitia L., deceased. The paternal grandparents of William C. Hoar were





James and Anna (Chamberlain) Hoar, of Chester county, early settled in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and were of the most wealthy and respected Quaker families of this part of the State. Great grandfather Chamberlain was a man of means, and primarily a farmer in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, but he was also a sea captain and was eventually lost while making one of his voyages.

In Leacock township, in 1873, William C. Hoar was united in marriage with Miss Christiana E. Slack, who was born in Leacock township Oct. 27, 1847, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brower) Slack. To this union have been born three children, viz: Mary E., who died when but fifteen years old; and J. Willard and Anna J., both still under the parental roof.

William C. Hoar began his business life at the age of sixteen years in his father's blacksmith shop, or in about 1851. In 1855 the father retired, and William C. continued on with the business until 1882, when he sold out and purchased his present farm, in connection with which he conducted a blacksmith shop for two years, and then abandoned blacksmithing altogether. As a farmer Mr. Hoar has met with abundant success, and is classed among the best in the county. In fact, he follows the lines which inevitably lead to a victory over all opposition, and to the triumphant subjection of all obstacles that impede the way, those lines being sound judgment, unceasing industry and conscientious performance of the duties pertaining to his calling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoar are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Hoar has been a trustee for many years, and to the support of which they are constant and liberal contributors. In politics Mr. Hoar is a Republican, but has never manifested any desire to hold public office.

JOSHUA BRINTON, deceased, son of Moses and Hannah (Chamberlain) Brinton, of Leacock and Sadsbury townships, respectively, was born Feb. 28, 1811, and died Aug. 4, 1892, and was buried in the Society of Friends cemetery in Salisbury township. Moses Brinton was born in 1761, and died Nov. 23, 1846; his wife, who had remarried, survived until June 17, 1860. They were both consistent members of the Society of Friends and were buried in the Sadsbury cemetery.

In November, 1848, Joshua Brinton married in Philadelphia, Miss Mary E. Passmore, of whom further mention will be shortly made. To this union were born five children, viz: Phoebe, who is married to M. P. Cooper, a coal merchant in Christiana, Pa., and has one child: Clara E., who is the wife of Robert U. Knox, a cattle dealer at Gap, Pa., and has borne one child, which is now deceased; Mary and Joshua H., both of whom died young; and J. Howard, still with his mother.

Mrs. Mary E. (Passmore) Brinton was a daughter of Enoch and Phoebe (Hollis) Passmore, who were married in Salisbury township in October,

1822. Enoch Passmore was a substantial business man and brewer and was conspicuous as a township official. He was born March 16, 1785, and died June 6, 1858; his wife died at the age of thirty-nine. They were members of the Society of Friends and their remains were interred in the Sadsbury meeting-house cemetery. To Enoch and Phoebe Passmore were born eight children, viz: John, who died in infancy; Sarah, who was born Sept. 19, 1824, who married Benjamin Hershey, and died; Mary E., born Feb. 3, 1827; Seneca, born Nov. 12, 1828, and who died young; Emeline, born July 21, 1830, who died unmarried at the age of fifty; Enoch, born Oct. 19, 1831, now retired from the activities of business as ticket agent and lives at Kinzers, Lancaster county; George W., born Feb. 11, 1833, and died in infancy; Horace, born Sept. 15, 1834, and died in the army. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mary E. Brinton were John and Diana (Davis) Passmore, and were farming people of some considerable prominence in Chester county.

The late Joshua Brinton was an excellent farmer but not an excellent manager for the reason that his too generous nature induced him too often to expend his means in aiding his friends when he should have applied them to use nearer at home. Lacking only a wise economy, he was a consistent member of the Society of Friends and an unusually warm upholder of its principles and methods. In politics he was a Republican.

I. CLINTON ARNOLD, who stands among the prominent members of the Lancaster County Bar, is descended from one of the oldest and best Quaker families in Pennsylvania. Henry Brosius, his maternal great-grandfather, is the same as that of the late Hon. Marriott Brosius, whose family history is very fully given elsewhere.

His maternal grandfather was Abner Brosius, who married Letitia Wilkinson about 1828. They were both natives of southern Chester county, Pa., but soon after their marriage they purchased a farm near Bethesda, Martic township, Lancaster county, where they resided until about the year 1864, when they removed to Lincoln University, Chester county, where Mr. Brosius died in 1876. Mrs. Brosius died in 1897, aged eighty-seven years, at the home of our subject's parents. They were both actively interested in the anti-slavery cause, and on one occasion they concealed Fred Douglas, who had been a slave and was afterward widely known as a benefactor of his race, in their home, that he might escape the violence of a mob who tried to break up an anti-slavery meeting held in the neighborhood, by throwing rotten eggs, hooting and jeering the speakers, and threatening to ride them on rails. They were ever ready to reach out a helping hand to the needy and oppressed.

William Arnold, his paternal grandfather, conducted a store, and at the same time engaged in the quarrying of slate, at Peach Bottom, Lancaster coun-





ty, in the early days of the development of that industry in that section. He died in 1852.

William John Arnold, the father of I. Clinton, now resides on a farm near Peach Bottom, York county, Pa., where he has resided many years and has served several terms as justice of the peace, and was a member of the school board for twelve years, having been one of the promoters of the township high school of that section—a pioneer school of the higher grade. He married Amanda P. Brosius, in 1858. Five children were born to them, all of whom are living, as follows: I. Clinton, member of the Lancaster Bar; E. Willard, in the Northern Pacific Railway service, at Portland, Ore.; Alice W., wife of Henry W. Evans, a farmer at Peach Bottom, Pa.; Clarence E., a member of the Bar in San Francisco, Cal.; and Mabel B., unmarried and engaged in teaching school. Four of these, I. Clinton, Alice, Clarence and Mabel, are graduates of the State Normal School, at Millersville, Pa.; the mother was a student there at the first session of the school, when it was founded by the late Hon. J. P. Wickersham, and she was a member of the first teachers' institute held in Lancaster county.

I. Clinton Arnold was born Sept. 7, 1850, in Martic township, Lancaster county, but spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, near Peach Bottom, York county. There the life he led resembled that of other boys on farms in that day, before railroads were common, and while the telegraph and telephone were as yet unheard of; but it was unlike that of many farmer boys, in that at home he was encouraged to work not only at farm work, but in the great field of learning. His mother was never too tired or too busy to give help when he wanted it whether the matter was a hard spelling lesson or something else. So he learned the great lesson of work and application, which finally enabled him to do well in the field of labor which he chose. He got all he could from the district school, and then did the same at the Delta High school, traveling over three miles each morning to reach the school. Before he was quite seventeen years old, he began to teach, his certificate being granted by B. F. Shaub, then superintendent of Lancaster county. He began his work at Post Tree school, in the village of Fairfield, Drummer township, where he taught two years, and the following three years taught Harmony school, in the adjoining district, and a summer term at Homeville, Chester county, Pa. In the meantime he had attended the Millersville State Normal School, and in 1882 graduated from that institution. After graduating he taught the Willow Grove school, in West Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., and the following year resigned that school to become principal of the Friends Select School, at Oxford, Chester county. When about eight years of age, he decided that he would be a lawyer, when he was a man, and steadily kept that aim in view. Shortly after his graduation, he passed the preliminary examination, and was registered as a law student of the

Hon. Marriott Brosius, and in 1885, was admitted to practice in the several courts of Lancaster county, and later to the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania. He remembers with pleasure and gratitude his student days, and the early years of his practice, the interest and friendship extended to him by H. B. Swarr, a prominent member of the Bar and one time legal adviser, and afterward one of the executors of President Buchanan. Later Mr. Arnold and Mr. Swarr were closely associated in the practice of law, and continued so up to the death of the latter. In 1885 he was appointed notary public by Governor Pattison, notwithstanding he was a Republican, and he has held a commission as Notary ever since, with the exception of a few months, when he resigned, to act as special agent to investigate the mortgage indebtedness of Lancaster county in the census of 1890. He has always been regarded as a reliable counsellor and would always rather keep his clients out of litigation than to get them into it when it can be done without sacrificing their interests.

On Jan. 26, 1897, Mr. Arnold was married by Friends ceremony to Lucy Harris, daughter of Quinton P. and Mary B. Harris, of Salem, N. J., where Mr. Harris was engaged in farming, but is now living retired. One child, Harris Clinton, was born of this union in 1900. Mr. Arnold resides at No. 434 North Line street, Lancaster, Pa. Religiously he inclines to the Friends or Quakers, from which he descended. Politically he is a Republican, and has taken an active part in all Republican campaigns ever since he became a law student. He belongs to the Young Men's Republican Club. That he should take a keen interest in that political party is not to be wondered at, when the fact is recalled that his ancestors were among the earliest and staunchest Abolitionists of the country, and among the founders of the Republican party.

GEORGE BENKERT, whose School of Music is located at No. 147 East King street, has done much to improve and cultivate the taste for classical music in Lancaster, and is an artist of rare gifts in the study and teaching of his art.

William Benkert, the father of George, was born in Carlshafen, Germany. He completed his musical training in a noted school in Homberg under Dr. W. Volckmar, and then became a teacher in the school and an organist in various places in Germany for a period of fifty years. Matilda Moeller, his wife, was a native of Kirchberg, Germany, and a daughter of Jacob Moeller, an organist and pianist of more than ordinary merit for a period of fifty-two years, and an intimate associate of Louis Spohr, the celebrated composer. Thus it is seen that not only has Mr. Benkert, of Lancaster, made himself by hard work what he is, but that there is in his blood a sensibility to the attraction of musical art that would demand expression.

George Benkert was born in Hessen-Cassel, Ger-



many, April 14, 1864, and accomplished his education in the Fatherland, studying music under the instructions of his father and grandfather, at the Homberg Seminary, then becoming a pupil of Prof. Dr. W. Volckmar and G. Zanger, the latter famous as an instructor on the violin and in choral training. The effect of Mr. Zanger's instruction is seen in the great amount of choral and oratorio work which Mr. Benkert has successfully and brilliantly accomplished in Lancaster.

Mr. Benkert entered the Seminary at the age of seventeen years, and was graduated with the honors of his class conferred by Prof. Dr. Volckmar, in organ and piano music. Leaving his native land in 1883, he landed at New York, and stopping for a short period with Julius Stern, of Brooklyn, an old schoolmate of his father, he afterward made his way to Lancaster, this city remaining his home to the present time. From 1883 to 1896 he was the organist and choir-master of Zion's Lutheran Church; for seven years he has been choir master and organist of the First Presbyterian Church, and the musical service in that church has become noted. He brought Sieveking, the great pianist, to Lancaster, and with his associates barely escaped a financial loss, but he was satisfied in the impulse the music of this great master of the piano gave to the higher musical culture of the city. Adele Aus Der Ohe was brought by him from New York on another occasion, and the interpretation of the piano rendered by this celebrated figure in modern music was a rich treat to all who love music. Mr. Benkert's musical pupils have presented numerous recitals to their friends in Lancaster, and their brilliant and finished work attests the thoroughness of his instruction.

Mr. Benkert was married in 1890 to Clara A., daughter of August J. Riske, a merchant tailor in Lancaster. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, two of whom, Catherine Olga and Anna Marguerite, are living, and one, William Augustus, is now dead, having passed away at the age of seven years.

Mr. Benkert has assisted in many charitable concerts, and organized the Mendelssohn Society, which has given the oratorios of St. Paul and Christus, both by Mendelssohn, and many choruses from the best masters. Great indeed have been the results of the constant efforts of Mr. Benkert to cultivate a love for music in this community, and no man among us holds a deeper place in the affections of the people, than does this quiet and unassuming, but accomplished gentleman, an artistic pianist and organist of rare merit and genuine worth.

CHARLES H. SMITH, successor to G. Harry Reed, at the Old Lakeland Stables, No. 153 North Queen street, Lancaster, is conducting the largest livery business in the city, and has been in charge of same since March 20, 1902. No better equipped establishment supplies the needs of a cosmopolitan

community anywhere in the country. All manner of turnouts of modern construction are kept on hand, and a specialty is made of funeral and wedding rigs, equipages for pleasure parties and general driving, as well as busses and commercial wagons. About forty well groomed horses are kept in constant readiness, several of which present a dashing and spirited appearance before the tally-ho.

A native of Kinzers Station, Lancaster Co., Pa., Mr. Smith was born Feb. 11, 1872, son of John S. and Mary E. (Slaymaker) Smith, of Williamstown, this county. John S. Smith was a hotel man in early life, and conducted the "Kinzers Hotel" for eleven years, previous to which he had been connected with the "Williamstown Hotel" for six years. He was one of the first to raise tobacco in Lancaster county, and was the very first to bring seed tobacco here. People would come for miles around to see the plant grow, and so successful was Mr. Smith that he became the largest tobacco packer in the county, and made a fair fortune in that line. He also manufactured cigars, and dealt extensively in coal, lumber and grain. He was a man of force and determination, and possessed personal characteristics which kept him in the front of public affairs as long as he lived. Before entering the hotel business he had been a teacher, and he invariably kept abreast of the times, and was unusually well informed. Politics entered largely into his active life, and he held many important positions at the request of his Republican allies, being active in promoting the interests of his party. He was justice of the peace for many years in Williamstown, and while at Kinzers was postmaster and ticket, freight and express agent. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and contributed generously toward its maintenance. Mr. Smith died in 1885, at the age of fifty-five years, while yet at the height of his energetic and useful career. His wife died in 1879, at the age of forty-seven. They were the parents of the following children: Clara S., of Harrisburg, Pa., married Ezra W. Frantz, a railroad engineer; Sarah E. is the widow of John M. Eckert, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary S. is the wife of H. S. Armstrong, a railroad engineer of Philadelphia; Emma L. is the wife of Clem A. Hoar, clerk of Trego county, Kans.; Addie V. is the wife of Nimrod Smith, railroad postal clerk at Harrisburg, Pa.; Lizzie H. is the wife of A. Newton Hoar, station master at Huntington, Oregon; Charles H. is mentioned below. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary Smith, were natives of Lancaster county, where he engaged in the manufacture of harness and collars, and retired in later life.

For the first six years of his life Charles H. Smith lived with his parents in the hotel at Kinzers, where he was born. Then his father retired from the hotel business and moved his family to Lancaster for one year, during which time he erected a new home at Kinzers, whither he again removed his fam-







Chas. H. Smith



ily, and where Charles lived until 1885, when his father died. He was then thirteen years of age, and went to live with his sister, Mrs. Eckert, at Christiansburg, Pa., where he attended the high school for two years. Later he worked in a livery stable at Gap, Pa., for two years. In 1889, at the age of seventeen he returned to Lancaster, and held the position of mail messenger for two years, his employer being John F. Brimmer, at Brimmer's Livery. During this time he took a night course in Weidler's Business College, after which Mr. Brimmer took him into his office, where he held the position of clerk and bookkeeper for all three branches of Mr. Brimmer's extensive business—livery, leaf tobacco business and manufacture of cigars. In 1898, when Mr. Brimmer sold out his livery business to G. Harry Reed, Mr. Smith became associated with the latter in the capacity of manager and as partner of the new owner, and on March 20, 1902, himself purchased the entire business from Mr. Reed. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and is fraternally connected with the Elks, Artisans and Royal Arcanum. He was married Aug. 28, 1891, to Miss Eva B. Marrow, daughter of John W. Marrow, and of this union there is one son, Wilbur Grant.

**LINDEN HALL SEMINARY.** Probably the best, and at the same time the briefest, descriptive account of Linden Hall Seminary is that to be found in the opening paragraph of the annual circular. It is as follows:

"This institution for the education of young ladies, founded in the year 1704, came into existence at the request of parents living in Pennsylvania and Maryland, who desired to have their daughters instructed in the elements of a polite education—the opportunities for which were in that day very limited—whilst their physical and religious well-being should at the same time be specially considered and fostered. The recognition of the original demand upon it, and of the trust that was placed in it, has remained the aim and motive of the school. It exists only for the sake of its scholars. In their welfare it finds its mission."

As a school, however, the Seminary has had a continuous existence for more than a century and a half. From the very beginning of the Moravian Church in 1457, its history has been a history of education, and wherever Moravian emigrants found a home in this country the church and the school house grew up side by side. This was what took place when a settlement was effected in Warwick township, Lancaster county. In 1748 a congregation of the Moravian Church was organized, and the next year, 1749, a log house was built a little north of the creek, on "Lititz Springs." This house was used as a chapel, parsonage and school house. In 1754, George Klein, the owner of a large tract of land, all of which he gave to the Moravian Church, built a two-story stone house, on the south side of the creek, on the site now occupied by the property

of Peter S. Reist, Esq., on Main street, to which the chapel, parsonage and school were removed. The settlement was called Lititz by Count Zinzendorf in memory of the barony of Lititz in Bohemia, where the followers of John Huss found a refuge on the estate of King George of Podiebrad, and organized themselves in 1457 into the Church of the Moravian and Bohemian Brethren.

The corner-stone of the Sister's House, now "The Castle" part of Linden Hall, was laid June 7, 1758. After its completion and dedication, May 18, 1762, the parochial school for girls was conducted in that building. In 1769 that part of the present "Hall" occupied by the Principal's study and the school dining room was built, and was known as the "Kinder Haus" (children's house). This was enlarged in 1801, and the boarding school was moved into it after the building had been dedicated on Aug. 26th, of that year. Previous to 1794, however, the school had existed simply as a parochial or day school, but in that year Mrs. Marvel, of Baltimore, who was visiting Lititz, insisted that the Sisters should take charge of her little daughter Margaret, then nine years of age, in order that she might attend the regular parochial school. Little "Peggy" Marvel, as she was called, then became the first boarding scholar on Sept. 7, 1794, and the founding of the "Lititz Boarding School," as it was first called, dates from that time. As a school for girls there is probably none older in this country, and as a distinctively boarding school for the higher education of girls and young women it is recognized as the second oldest, having an uninterrupted history of 109 years (1903).

During this interval upwards of 4,000 young women have gone forth from its walls prepared for the serious duties of life. Drawing as it did, its first pupil from Baltimore, the names of many of the early and well known families of Maryland and Virginia are to be found on its rolls, and prominent names of families high in the councils of the nation, particularly before the war of the Rebellion, are well represented. The names, too, and nearly all the mothers, of the old and well established families of Lancaster city and county, are to be found somewhere among the early records of the institution. Unfortunately many of these records have been either lost or destroyed, and though referred to in private or church diaries have not been found. A partial list of pupils between 1794 and 1804 reveals such well known Lancaster names as Steinman, Henry, Gundaker, Clark, Watson, Carpenter, Fahnestock, Ellmaker, Forney, Lightner and Wilson.

Time and modern ideas have wrought many changes in this venerable institution. The changes from wood fires and tallow dips, to steam heat, electric light, and other modern conveniences, have been very great. But high ideals of womanly culture and conduct have ever animated the spirit of the school life, and if the reminiscences left upon record by the pupils of a century ago are trustworthy, life at





Linden Hall has always been peculiarly happy and productive of excellent results.

A list of the former principals is appended to this article, beginning with John Herbst, in 1794, to the present incumbent Charles D. Kreider, who entered upon his service of the school as assistant principal in 1897, and as principal in 1898. The two men who served the school for the longest time, and who, therefore, probably impressed their personality to a greater extent upon its work, were Eugene A. Frueauff and Herman A. Brickenstein; the former was principal from 1838 to 1855, and again from 1868 to 1873. To him the school owes not only its name "Linden Hall," but the loyal devotion of many alumnae. It was he who planted the first linden trees, and gave the best energies of his life to the work of the institution which he loved. Following immediately in his footsteps was the second, Herman A. Brickenstein, principal from 1873 to 1892. Many are the women today who rise up to call him blessed. His life, like that of his predecessor, was devoted to education and was an example and inspiration to all who knew him.

PRINCIPALS OF LINDEN HALL SEMINARY: John Herbst, 1794-1802; John Meder, 1802-1805; John F. Frueauff, 1805-1815; Andrew Benade, 1815-1822; Christian Beckler, 1822-1824; Samuel Reimke, 1824-1826; John G. Kummer, 1826-1830; Charles F. Kluge, 1830-1836; Peter Wolfe, 1836-1838; Eugene A. Frueauff, 1838-1855; Julius T. Beckler, 1855-1862; William C. Reichel, 1862-1868; Eugene A. Frueauff, 1868-1873; Herman A. Brickenstein, 1873-1892; Charles B. Shultz, 1892-1897; Charles L. Moench, 1897-1898; and Charles D. Kreider, 1898.

CHARLES D. KREIDER, the present principal (1903), came to his work well equipped to maintain both the standard and reputation of Linden Hall. He was born and spent his boyhood in Lancaster city, receiving his preliminary education in the Lancaster schools. After graduating at the Moravian College, he served six years as teacher at Nazareth Hall, the Moravian School for Boys at Nazareth, Pa., and for a year as instructor at the Moravian College. Imbued with the spirit of Moravian educational ideas, and familiar with modern method and practice, his work promises to preserve the well earned and established reputation of Linden Hall Seminary as Lancaster county's oldest and most widely known school for girls and young women.

JOHN SCHOCK, a prominent resident of Mt. Joy, now living in retirement, was for many years closely identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of Lancaster county in various lines, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens for his many sterling traits of character.

Mr. Schock was born Jan. 7, 1825, in East Donegal township, three miles west of Marietta, and comes of a family that has been well known in Lancaster county for several generations. His great

grandfather, John Schock, a native of Germany, was the pioneer in Lancaster county, where in 1734, he settled for life in Manor township, near Creswell, on land now occupied by one of his great-grandsons, John Schock, a farmer. It was included in what is now known as Turkey Hill, and as he gradually added to his possessions, at the time of his death he owned a large tract. His home was a rude house of hewed locust logs. Of the family of eight children born to John Schock and his wife, we have mention of John, Jacob, Henry and Abraham.

Abraham Schock, the grandfather of John, of this sketch, was born in Manor township, where he married and remained until 1785, removing then to East Donegal township and locating at what is known as Schock's Mills. Here he engaged in farming and also conducted a gristmill. His death occurred in 1820. By his first wife, Anna Grove, he had four children: Jacob, Henry, Abraham and Anna, the wife of Thomas Bradley, all of these now deceased. His second union was with Anna Treichler, of York county, Pa., and the two children of this marriage, John and Fanny, died young.

Henry Schock was born in 1793, in East Donegal township, and was a successful farmer, beginning his agricultural life, on his own account, on a farm of sixty-five acres, in East Donegal township; as time passed, he added to the same, until he owned 125 acres, which has since been sold to different parties. Two gristmills stood on his original place, and he had them operated for him and cultivated his land, and thus by thrift and energy accumulated a comfortable competence.

Henry Schock was united in marriage to Anna Greider, of Conoy township, who was born in 1800, and died in 1841. His death occurred in 1836, and both are buried in a private burying ground in East Donegal township, located on a farm adjoining their own, which was formerly owned by Mr. Schock's grandmother Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Schock did not belong to any church but leaned toward the German Baptist faith. Their family consisted of seven children: Abraham, who died in Lancaster county; Henry, who died in Lancaster county; John of this biography; Jacob, who died in Lancaster county; Anna, the widow of Sylvester Crout, of East Donegal township; Martha, who married B. F. Hiestand, of this township, president of the Marietta Casting Company; and Mary, who died in infancy.

John Schock was reared on the old homestead in East Donegal township, where he remained until he was sixteen years old, and had obtained his education in the neighboring public schools. For the six years following he was engaged as clerk in a store in Marietta, in which town he also engaged in the lumber business for seven years; during the next seven years he carried on milling, on the old homestead, in partnership with his brother Abraham. In 1861, he came to Mt. Joy, where he has



since resided, and took up the business of his father-in-law, John Patterson, dealing in coal, lumber, flour and grain, and later adding the oil business. Until 1855 he continued in these lines, but since then he has well retired, his son Clarence now conducting the business.

Mr. Schock's career has been one of successful activity in the mercantile world, and he has never given much time to public affairs, although he has served two terms as school director, in Mt. Joy borough, with satisfaction to all concerned. His record as a business man is one of which he may well be proud, for besides acquiring a substantial competence in his active years, he gained and maintained the highest reputation for integrity and probity, as well as thrifty management. His political support is given to the Republican party.

On Feb. 10, 1852, Mr. Schock was married to Miss Mary Ann Patterson, and four children have blessed this union: Percy P., editor of the *Marietta Register*, of Marietta, who married Sue B. Lindemuth, and has four children, Marguerite, John P., Lewis L., and Mary; Harry C., a prominent citizen of Mt. Joy, where he is connected with various important enterprises, being president of the Mt. Joy Maltng Company, president of the Union National Bank, and a member of the Council for three years, who married Fredrica C. Frank, and has four children, Mary B., P. Frank, Caroline F., and Arthur P.; Clarence, who still resides with his parents and carries on his father's business; and John L., whose death occurred in 1885, after a brilliant career through the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated at the head of his class, of 125 members, taking all the honors. He entered the Academy in 1877 and was graduated in 1881, following which came his appointment as naval constructor, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mrs. Schock comes of an old and distinguished family of Lancaster county, and was born in Rapho township, a daughter of John and Barbara Anna (Coffman) Patterson, the former of whom was, in his day, a prominent and well-to-do merchant.

ALEXANDER PATTERSON, deceased. Many of the beautiful homes of Lancaster county have been bereft of those who for many years were not only esteemed and revered as heads of households but possessed the respect of the community in which their lives had been spent. Such in marked degree was the case of Alexander Patterson, who passed out of life Oct. 28, 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years. While sorrow fell upon the neighborhood, it most deeply touched the devoted wife.

Alexander Patterson was born at Big Chickies, Pa., in 1818, a son of Arthur and Catherine (Oberlin) Patterson, whose family consisted of: William, who married Elizabeth Wisler; Jane, who married Peter Lindemuth; Alexander and Elizabeth, twins, the former of whom married Elizabeth Hollinger, and the latter married Rev. John Arthur, of the M.

E. Church; Douglas, who died single; and Arthur, who became a physician and married Emily A. Hooper. The pioneer of this family in America was Arthur Patterson, who came from Ireland, in 1724, and settled on Chiquesalunga creek, in this county, married Ann Scott, who was a daughter of Abraham Scott, of Ireland, and became the father of Samuel Scott Patterson, who was also the father of a son Samuel, of this county.

Alexander Patterson was reared on the farm and in his youth attended the best schools of the district. At the death of his father he went into the business of drover, one which at that day was most necessary and remunerative. As he was very successful, he continued on the road until about one year after his marriage, but in January, 1851, he moved to Mt. Joy borough where he resided for the rest of his life. For some time previous to his death, he did little more than trucking in a small way. For many years he filled the position of school director, as he always took a deep interest in educational matters. His political affiliations were with the Republican party, and in every way he fulfilled the duties of a good citizen.

Alexander Patterson was married Jan. 7, 1850, in Philadelphia, to Elizabeth Hollinger, who was born in Elizabeth township in 1828, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Zortman) Hollinger, of Elizabeth township, this county. The former died at the old home where they lived in Mt. Joy township, at the age of sixty-five, the widow surviving until 1885, when she passed away at the age of eighty-one at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, and was buried in the beautiful cemetery of Mt. Joy. Both parents were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger were: Elizabeth, the widow of Alexander Patterson; Jacob, a farmer, near Paris, Ill.; Eli, who died on the old farm in 1880; and Mary A., the wife of Frederick A. Ricker. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Patterson were Adam and Barbara Hollinger, the former of whom was a farmer of Lancaster county. Adam was the son of Jacob Hollinger, who came to this country in 1736, and later took part in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents, Alexander and Catherine Zortman, came to this country from Germany.

Mrs. Patterson has passed through some very sad experiences. It has been her lot to smooth the brow and calm the dying hours of her beloved husband, her mother, her brother Eli and his two children, and also of Douglas Patterson, her brother-in-law, and to see them pass out of her home, never to return. Mrs. Patterson is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, where she gives liberally to advance every benevolent enterprise.

GEORGE O. ROLAND. It is only within the last few years that the people generally have come to realize how very closely the general prosperity of the country is connected with the careful manage-





ment of the banking institutions of the land, and with this knowledge has come a demand for men of ability to stand at the head of the banks of the present day. New Holland has been and is at the present time peculiarly happy in the character of the men to whom its financial interests are committed, and among them we find our subject.

George O. Roland, the able and genial assistant cashier of the local bank, was born in Earl township, Sept. 13, 1850, is a son of Hon. Jonathan H. and Elizabeth G. (James) Roland, and a grandson of Henry and Margaret (Seeger) Roland. The grandfather was a native of Earl township, and in his time a very successful farmer. His wife was born in New Holland.

Hon. Jonathan H. Roland was a native of Earl township, a successful farmer, and a broad-minded gentleman of the old school, being so well informed on men and affairs, that he was often consulted by his neighbors on various intricate and complicated questions. His integrity was unquestioned, and his loyalty to his convictions supreme. In 1857 he was a member of the State Legislature, and his name is associated with several noted bills that passed that body in his term. Elizabeth G. James, his wife, was a native of Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., and died Feb. 19, 1860. Her remains are resting in the New Holland cemetery. The Hon. Jonathan Roland, who was born in June, 1812, passed away Dec. 18, 1861, at the age of fifty-three. Both husband and wife were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their children Henry died at the age of twenty-eight; John is a cattle dealer in New Holland; Anna M. is the wife of E. C. Diller, of New Holland; Mary married Theodore A. Kinzer, of Lancaster, Pa.; Elizabeth J. resides in New Holland; George O.; William S. was killed in a railroad accident, was superintendent of a surveying corps, and was a man of more than ordinary ability and prominence.

The first four years of the life of George O. Roland were passed on a farm, and he was then brought to New Holland, where he acquired his literary education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen, he took a place as a clerk in a drug store, which he held for three years. He was then variously employed until he was twenty-six years of age, when he and E. C. Diller engaged in the dry goods business, which they conducted successfully for some years. During this period Mr. Roland had secured a practical business training and had made a thorough study of finance. In 1882 he saw the first opening to gratify his tastes, and he accepted a position in the Bank of New Holland, soon rising to his present responsible position of assistant cashier. With his personal affairs well in hand, Mr. Roland has yet found time to devote to public affairs, taking an active part in politics and holding strongly to the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Roland has held the office of school director in the borough, but cannot be said to be an office-seeker.

Mr. Roland was united in marriage in December,

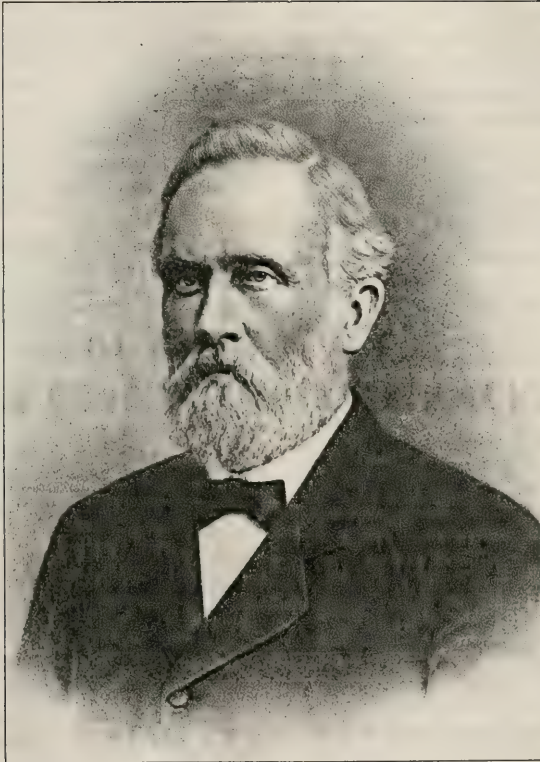
1877, with Miss Katie B. Hull, a native of Lititz, and a daughter of Dr. Levi and Catherine (Kauffman) Hull, both deceased. This happy home has been brightened by the birth of two children: Seeger, now a clerk in the railway mail service; and Ralph, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia. Mr. Roland is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the Philadelphia Consistory; he is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

GIDEON W. ARNOLD, who was the pioneer in the establishment of the cotton mill industry in Lancaster county, came of old Rhode Island stock.

Charles Arnold, his father, was born in West Greenwich, R. I., and died at the early age of forty-four years. He married Eunice B. Waite, who was born in 1804, and who was a daughter of Gideon and Martha Waite, and through this connection Gideon W. Arnold was a first cousin of Morrison R. Waite, a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a nephew of Gen. Charles G. James, who was a representative in Congress from Rhode Island for sixteen years. Five children were born of the union of Charles and Eunice B. (Waite) Arnold, and of these only one survives, Ira W. Arnold, now living at Woonsocket, R. I. Those who have passed away were Gideon W., John A., Nathaniel P. and Anna E. Mrs. Eunice B. Arnold died Jan. 11, 1902, aged ninety-seven years and nine months. She was a remarkably well-preserved old lady, and often discussed the days of the war of 1812, the historic gale of 1815, and the Mexican war. During the progress of the latter, her home was in Moosup, Conn., and she often spoke of the excitement then being less than during the war of 1812. She was present at the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her son, Ira W. Arnold, on Jan. 14, 1894.

Gideon W. Arnold, son of Charles, was born in West Greenwich, R. I., but in his early manhood removed to Lancaster, Pa., where as previously stated, he was the pioneer, with his uncle, Charles G. James, of Rhode Island, in establishing the cotton mill industry, an industry that grew to immense proportions under the firm name of F. Schroeder & Co., of which Mr. Arnold was the "Co." Mr. Arnold's name will be held in cherished memory by thousands of people in the county, as thousands were benefited by the remunerative employment he gave during a long and busy career. Quiet and unassuming in manner, Mr. Arnold was possessed of far more than ordinary intelligence, and he was a past master in the business of manufacturing cotton goods. His was a successful career, and yet, in all his successes he was ever mindful of the interests of those who so largely contributed to those successes—his employes; and these, we know, hold him in grateful memory. He had the interests of





GIDEON W. ARNOLD





all his people at heart, and no one, rich or poor, ever approached him in the proper spirit without receiving a kindly smile and a word of encouragement.

Mr. Arnold was married, on Dec. 16, 1850, to Miss Margaret, daughter of the late Jacob Gable, and the ancestors on this side lived for generations in Lancaster. Five children were born of this union: Ada Eunice, wife of Pressley E. Chambers, a prominent clothing manufacturer of Philadelphia; Charles Jacob, who died in early childhood; Walter J., who entered into rest May 27, 1902; and Frank W. and Ira W., of Lancaster.

Mrs. Arnold, the widow of Gideon W., lives in the fine and commodious home which her husband erected thirty-seven years ago, at the corner of South Queen and German streets—a home that bears ample testimony to the liberality and enterprise of one of the best citizens Lancaster has ever known—Gideon Waite Arnold.

SAMUEL E. GROSH, a prominent carriage manufacturer of Lititz, Pa., was born in that place Oct. 10, 1833, and is descended from one of the old and highly respected families of Lancaster county. His paternal great grandfather, Valentine Grosch (as the name was originally spelled), emigrated from Germany to this country and took up his residence in Lancaster county, Pa. The grandfather, Peter Grosen, a farmer of what is now Mechanicsville, married Catherine Conrad, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Joseph, a farmer of Ohio; Charles, father of Samuel E.; Timothy, a butcher; Abraham, a cabinet-maker; John, a shoe-maker; Andrew, a teamster; Elizabeth, and Sophia.

Charles Grosch was born and reared in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade at Kissel Hill. On his removal to Lititz, he erected a shop at that place and engaged in business there until called to his final rest at the age of eighty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Shober, died at the same age. They were both connected with the Moravian Church. Of their fourteen children eight grew to years of maturity, namely: Maria, wife of Elias Buch, of Lititz, who died in March, 1900; Sarah, deceased, the wife of James Wollé, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Caroline, the widow of Francis Lawall, residing at Bethlehem, Pa.; Samuel E.; Henry Harrison, a veteran of the Civil war, who was a coachmaker and partner of Samuel E. from 1857 until his death in 1892; Herman, a confectioner of Bethlehem, Pa.; Augustus, a blacksmith by trade, and a soldier of the Civil war, is now deceased; and Agnes, who died in 1897.

Samuel E. Grosh was reared in Lititz and educated in a private school conducted by John Beck. During his vacations he worked on a farm and at the age of sixteen commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with his father. After mastering that

occupation he learned the trade of coachmaking at Allentown, Pa., and then worked as a journeyman two years. Forming a partnership with his brother in 1857, they erected a shop in Lititz, and engaged in the manufacture of coaches, carriages, etc., for many years, doing a large and profitable business which is still carried on by Samuel E., who has given his entire time and attention to this work. The plant was enlarged in 1884 by the erection of a large frame building used as salesrooms and finishing department. The company keep on hand a good supply of finished work, and the vehicles turned out by them are among the best in the market. Mr. Grosh is a Republican in his political views, is an intelligent and progressive man, and has efficiently served as a member of the school board of Lititz for eighteen years.

On Feb. 4, 1858, Mr. Grosh married Miss Amanda C. Kramer, who was born on Pine Hill, Lancaster county, in 1832, a daughter of William Kramer, and of this union seven children were born, namely: Horace E. and Charles William, both mentioned more fully below; Lawrence K.; Bertha, wife of Walter Souders, of Lititz; Ruth, at home; and two deceased. The family are members of the Moravian Church, of which Mr. Grosh has been a member of the board of trustees for eighteen years.

Horace E. Grosh, the oldest son of Samuel E., was born Jan. 17, 1859, and was educated in the public schools and the Lititz Academy. At the age of fifteen years he entered the mercantile establishment of H. H. Tschudy, in whose employ he remained a short time, and then spent four years with his father, learning the blacksmith's trade. In the fall of 1881, he went to New Haven, Conn., where he followed the latter occupation for two years, and from there went to Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., returning to Pennsylvania overland through Virginia. From 1883 to 1884 he was a traveling salesman for the firm of B. F. Johnston & Co., book publishers. In the fall of 1884 he was elected superintendent of correspondence of the publishing concern and turned his attention to the discharge of its duties. The following spring he was made a member of the firm of B. F. Johnston & Co., with which he was connected until 1889, when he retired from the book business. He has since followed mechanical pursuits, organized the Richmond Brass & Machine Works, at Richmond, Va., and became the secretary and treasurer. His next venture was with the Burton Electric Company in the manufacture of Burton electric heaters for street cars, but in the fall of 1895 he returned to Lititz, where he now resides, and in 1896 was made keeper of the Lititz Springs grounds, which position he now holds. 1885 he married Miss Lizzie Huber, a daughter of John Huber, living near Lititz, and four children were born to them, all of whom are living, viz: Mary Esther, Francis Edmund, Robert Samuel and Anna Elizabeth.

Charles William Grosh, the second son of Sam-



uel E., was born Aug. 11, 1860, and also attended the public schools and Lititz Academy. At the age of fifteen he commenced clerking in the mercantile establishment of H. H. Tschudy, and was in his employ two years, after which he learned the trade of body making in the carriage establishment of his father and uncle. He subsequently spent almost two years in William Lee's body establishment at Easton, Pa., and then went to Omaha, Nebr., where he was employed by A. J. Simpson, a carriage manufacturer, for five years and by other concerns for two years. He has traveled extensively over the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and as far south as Mexico. Returning to Lititz in 1891, he took a position in his father's manufactory, and in 1890 became a member of the firm, which is known as S. E. Grosh & Co. He is not only an experienced body maker, but a painter and finisher as well, and now has charge of the woodwork and finishing departments of the factory. He was married, Nov. 8, 1893, to Miss May Siegfried, of Easton, Pa., daughter of Neander and Emma Siegfried, and they have three children living, Emma, Mary and Alice; one died in infancy, Charles W., Jr. Like the other members of the Grosh family they are connected with the Moravian Church and take a prominent part in its work. For a number of years Charles W. Grosh has taken an active interest in Y. M. C. A. work, was the first president of the organization in Lititz, and is now serving as recording secretary. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Lititz Springs Association. He is a Republican in politics.

Lawrence K. was born Sept. 13, 1862, and on Nov. 22, 1893, married Catherine Brandt, of Lititz. They have two children, Earl B. and James Theodore. He worked in Lititz both as a blacksmith and a cigar-maker, but since 1900 has been engaged in the insurance business, with his office in the postoffice building, Main Street, Lititz.

**HENRY NEFF KEHLER** has for four-fifths of a century resided in his present home at Locust Grove, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, having been born there April 17, 1821.

The family is of Swiss descent, the paternal grandparents, Joshua and Maria Kehler, having emigrated from Switzerland in early life. The father of Henry Neff Kehler, who was also named Joshua, was born at Strasburg, this county, but took up his residence at Locust Grove in 1814. There he successfully cultivated a farm, devoting especial attention to the raising of cattle, and at the same time conducted the "Locust Grove Inn." Joshua Kehler married Anna Neff, daughter of Henry and Anna (Oberholzer) Neff, of West Hempfield, and granddaughter of Daniel Neff, who was descended from Francis Neff, the earliest American progenitor of the family, who emigrated from Switzerland in 1717, because of religious persecution, and settled in Manor township, Lancaster county. Joshua Kehler was

a Mennonite, his wife a member of the German Reformed Church. He died in November, 1850, aged sixty-eight, she Jan. 19, 1874, in her eighty-sixth year. Henry N. was their only son, and they had five daughters, Maria, Ann, Elizabeth, Matilda and Sarah. Ann and Elizabeth both died unmarried. Maria is the wife of Samuel Caldwell, of Williamsport. Matilda has been twice married, her first husband being J. S. Clarkson, and her second James Marshall, of Allegheny City, Pa. Sarah became the wife of B. F. Spangler, of Columbia, and died in 1859.

Henry Neff Kehler is a substantial and industrial citizen. His farm comprises 140 acres, and is one of the best in Lancaster county, as his house is also one of the handsomest. His title to this property may be traced back to William Penn, and he has, as a treasured heirloom, the original conveyance from that great apostle of the doctrines of George Fox. Mr. Kehler has been a director in the First National Bank of Columbia for thirty-five years, and is held in high esteem for his keen intelligence, sound judgment and business integrity. Prior to the outbreak of the Civil war, his political affiliation was with the Democratic party, but since that epoch he has been a Republican. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 23, 1871, in Luzerne county, Mr. Kehler married Miss Catherine Stewart Knox, and they had one child, Henry N., Jr., at present teller for the Columbia Trust Company.

Mrs. Kehler was born at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pa. The first American progenitor of her father's family was her great-grandfather, John Knox, who came to this country in 1785 from Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland, and located near Taneytown, Md. He had married Jane Robinson, who came to America in 1785, with her family of several children. At that time John, the grandfather of Mrs. Kehler, was but twelve years of age. He married Catharine Stewart, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Hunter) Stewart, the latter a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Catherine (Chambers) Hunter. John Hunter Knox, Mrs. Kehler's father, was a man of superior education, having graduated from both Milton Academy and Dickinson College. He was by profession a civil engineer, but also dealt extensively in lumber. He was a Republican, and prominent in politics, though he never craved office and persistently declined all offers to place him in nomination; however, he consented for a time to serve as justice of the peace. He held a captain's commission in Co. D, 11th Pa. Regiment, commanded by Col. Coulter, but his untimely death, on Feb. 28, 1862, at the age of forty-seven, cut short a career which bade fair to be as distinguished as it was useful. Few men in his county were more generally popular or more sincerely mourned. He married Ann E. Moran, who survived him until March 28, 1885, when she too passed away at Hazleton, in her sixty-ninth year. Mr. Knox was a member





of the Methodist Church, his wife of the Presbyterian. Mrs. Kehler was their first-born child and only daughter. She has three brothers, all of whom are married: John M., a wholesale grocer of Hazleton; Robert S., a farmer of Manor township, this county; and James R., a machinist of Richmond, Virginia.

On her mother's side, Mrs. Kehler is a great-granddaughter of Patrick and Arie (Ruggles) Moran, of Annapolis, Md., and a granddaughter of John and Mary (Penny) Moran, the former of whom died in early life. The latter was a daughter of William and Jane (McGowan) Penny, Scottish people of Drumore township, Lancaster county.

**JACOB HERSHEY HERSHEY.** From both paternal and maternal lines of ancestry this venerable and cultured resident of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, inherits the name of one of the old families of the county. He is the son of Abraham and Nancy (Hershey) Hershey, and on the paternal side the grandson of Christian and Elizabeth (Deal) Hershey and the great grandson of Christian Hershey, a pioneer settler and farmer of Warwick, now Penn. township, who in partnership with John Brubaker purchased a tract of 1,000 acres of land, upon a portion of which the village of Petersburg now stands, the land being divided between the two men. Christian, the grandfather, was a farmer of East Hempfield township, where he lived to a good old age.

Abraham Hershey, the father of Jacob H., was born in East Hempfield township, Feb. 4, 1790, and was reared on the old homestead, but in 1817 moved to Rapho township. He married Nancy Hershey, who was born in Warwick township, Feb. 12, 1798, daughter of Christian and Anna (Fox) Hershey, and the granddaughter of Jacob Hershey, of Warwick, now Penn. township. Her father was a miller by occupation and he built the first structure at what is now known as Cassell's Mills. Nancy was a devout member of the Old Mennonite Church and Abraham, while not holding membership in any religious society, exemplified in his life the virtues and principles of Christianity. He was supervisor of what is now Columbia, East Hempfield and West Hempfield townships, and was prominent in local affairs. In 1840 he retired from the farm to the village in Sporting Hill, in Rapho township, where he continued to live until his death, which occurred Feb. 24, 1869, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died May 28, 1875, aged seventy-seven years. A family of ten children was born to Abraham and Nancy Hershey, namely: Christian, born Sept. 5, 1814, died in November, 1879; Isaac H., born March 25, 1816, died May 18, 1854; Jacob H., born Oct. 4, 1817; John H., born Jan. 15, 1820, died Feb. 17, 1890; Daniel H., born March 11, 1822, died June 30, 1872; Abraham H., born April 3, 1824, died Jan. 24, 1896; Harriet H., born March 11, 1826, married to Henry N. Brubaker, of Freeport, Ill.;

Anna H., born Oct. 4, 1828, died Feb. 1, 1862; Solomon H., born April 10, 1831, who lived retired at Buffalo, N. Y., and died in September, 1900; Tobias H., born Oct. 2, 1833, a hotel proprietor at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

The third child, Jacob H., was reared on his father's farm in Rapho township and received the education which the common schools afforded early in the past century. At the age of eighteen years he began an apprenticeship to the saddlery trade, which he completed, continuing to work at his trade in Lancaster county until 1838, when he moved to eastern Ohio and was there employed at his trade for two years. Then returning to Pennsylvania, he continued the same vocation for two years more, devoting in all seven years to it. He then began his life work on the farm.

His marriage to Miss Susan L. Long occurred Nov. 14, 1841, in Lancaster. She was born in East Hempfield township, Aug. 21, 1821, daughter of Abraham and Anne (Kaufman) Long, and the granddaughter of Christian and Anna (Miller) Kaufman. Abraham Long was a farmer and to himself and his wife were born the following children: Abraham, deceased; Christian, deceased; Maria, who died young; Anna, deceased; John, deceased; Susan L.; Anna, who married Samuel Nissley and is now deceased; Benjamin, of Lancaster; Fanny, now Mrs. Landis, a widow in Landisville; Solomon, deceased; and Maria, who married Abraham Perry, of Lancaster. Seven children were born to Jacob H. and Susan (Long) Hershey, namely: Amelia, who married Rev. Levy H. Shenk, a Reformed Mennonite minister, and is now deceased; Washington, of Marietta, Pa.; Abraham, justice of the peace in West Hempfield township; Webster, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Benjamin, who lives with his father on the farm; Horace and Franklin, both deceased.

Soon after his marriage Jacob H. Hershey began the active life of a farmer in West Hempfield township and soon became one of its most prominent citizens. He served as school director for three years and for thirty-five years was president of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company. In politics he is a Republican and his first presidential vote was cast for General Harrison. While years ago surrendering the active burden of farm life, Jacob Hershey still supervises the work on his broad acres; though over eighty-five years of age he retains the vigor and bright mentality of a younger generation, his faculties being unimpaired by the weight of years. He has always been a student and affords a splendid example of the truth that men of active minds have the greater promise of longevity and a serene old age. Forty years ago he was a school director and was so advanced in his ideas and so much ahead of his time that he introduced short-hand writing into the schools. He was also the first man to start underdraining wet land. He was also one of the organizers of an Agricultural and Horticultural So-



ciety, the only one of its founders still living. For thirty-five years he was the president of the Penn Township Fire Insurance Company and is at present connected with a Fire and Storm Insurance Company. He has been deeply interested in the genealogy and the early struggles of the pioneer families of Lancaster county and there has perhaps been no better local authority on matters of history than he. His investigation along many lines of research has been thorough and satisfying, so that his conversation gleams with the ripe and trenchant wisdom of well-spent years, and his fame as an original and sound thinker has gone beyond the immediate circle of his friends and acquaintances. In brief, Jacob H. Hershey is of that stanch, sturdy type of enlightened humanity which blesses and honors the community where its influence exists.

**ELWOOD SHOLLENBERGER SNYDER,** M. D., whose elegant home and cozy offices are located at No. 425 North Queen street, Lancaster, is one of the most prominent and eminently successful physicians and surgeons of that city.

Grandfather Peter Snyder was a prominent contracting carpenter and builder in Hamburg, Pa. Henry Snyder, his son, and the father of Dr. Snyder, married Miss Catherine Shollenberger, daughter of Thomas and Susan Shollenberger, the former of whom was a merchant tailor of Berks county. Five children were born to Henry Snyder and his wife: Walter, Ettie, Susan, Bertie L. and Dr. Elwood S.

Elwood Shollenberger Snyder was born in Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa. He entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in May, 1896, coming to Lancaster and locating here in July of the same year. Purchasing the home of the late David Evans, county superintendent of public schools, Dr. Snyder at once proceeded to remodel and enlarge the building, putting in a yellow pressed brick front and erecting an elegant entrance to his offices, on the south of the building—creating one of the handsomest private residences in that part of the city. The offices are connected with both telephones, and no physician or surgeon in Lancaster is better equipped with instruments and apparatus for the successful pursuit of his noble profession. Professionally he belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Homeopathic State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Goodno Medical Society (which is composed of Homeopathic physicians of the counties of York, Dauphin and Lancaster).

Dr. Snyder is a man of prominence in many lines, and seems equally at home in both business and professional life. His public-spirited attitude and his liberal ideas have made him a valued stockholder and director in the Union Trust Company. He represents the "Co." in the E. N. Johnson & Co. planing-mill business, one of the leading industries in that line in the State. The Doctor is gifted

by nature with a capacity for intense and concentrated application, and he has always been found with the ability to meet the demands of any situation.

Dr. Snyder has never ceased being a student, and he has continually advanced in his profession along with the progress made in his beloved science and has kept pace with its wonderful discoveries. In him is found that rare combination of keen business sagacity with open-hearted, open-handed generosity which is seldom discovered, while his urbanity and pleasant and genial personality render him a real physician, a popular comrade and a most agreeable and trusted friend. Being the personification of energy and industry, he has made rapid strides both in business and in professional life, and has out-distanced many of his older competitors. His private life is an exemplary one and his home a center of refined social life. Yet in the prime of life, having accomplished so much, his friends are inclined to believe that more laurels await him in the future.

**MARTIN D. SHEAFFER** was in his day a prosperous agriculturist of Upper Leacock township, and though he passed away when comparatively a young man, he had made his way to a place in the front rank in his community.

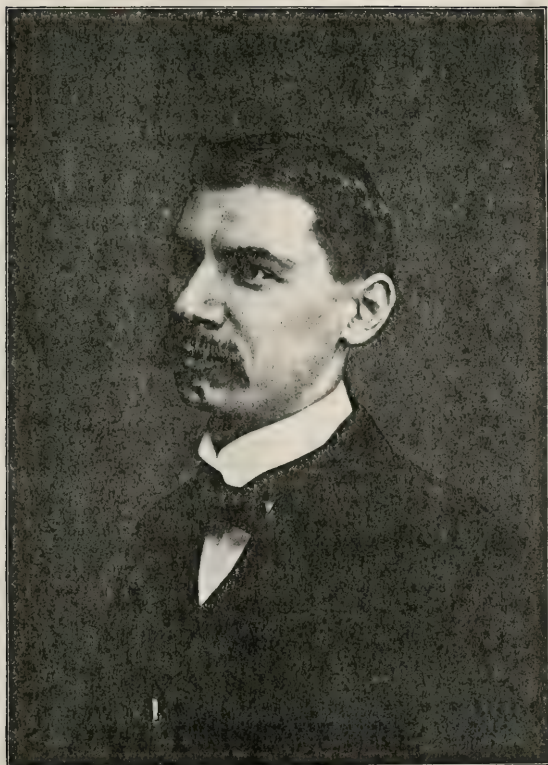
Mr. Sheaffer was born in 1842, a son of Isaiah and Joanna (Diller) Sheaffer, farming people of Upper Leacock township, this county. Their family consisted of the following named children: Rachel, Mrs. Samuel Myers, deceased; Diller, who died young; Martin D.; John, a resident of Lancaster township, this county; Isaac, living in Kansas; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Kochel, deceased; Cyrus, of Bareville, Lancaster county; Adam, deceased; and Joanna, Mrs. John Good, of Bareville.

In 1860 Martin D. Sheaffer was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Sheibly, who was born Feb. 16, 1836, and of whose family more extended mention is given below. To this union were born three children: Susanna, who died when seven months old; Alice, now the wife of John J. High, a farmer of East Earl township; and Diller S., who is mentioned farther on. Mr. Sheaffer followed farming successfully up to the time of his death, which occurred in Upper Leacock township, Dec. 18, 1882, when he was forty years old. His remains rest in the Groffdale cemetery. He was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, with which his widow also unites. She now makes her home in Leacock township.

**DILLER S. SHEAFFER** was born May 9, 1871, in Earl township, was reared in Upper Leacock township, receiving his education in the public schools there. He remained with his mother until 1886, spent the next five years at the home of his sister, and afterward resided on the fine farm in Leacock township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. Mr. Sheaffer inherited the







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thrifty traits of his ancestors, as the results of his work showed. In political faith he was a Republican, but was not particularly active in public affairs. In Sept., 1893, in Lancaster, Mr. Sheaffer married Miss Emma Burkholder, a native of West Earl township, and daughter of Isaac and Maria (Rupp) Burkholder. Her father was engaged in farming in West Earl township until his death, in 1881, and the mother still resides there. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer, James B. and Carl L., the latter deceased. Mr. Sheaffer's death Nov. 14, 1901, at the age of thirty years, five months and twenty-five days, was most untimely and cut short a very promising career.

The Sheibly family, to which Mrs. Sarah A. Sheaffer belongs, has long been prominent in this county. Henry Sheibly, her grandfather, came to America with his parents when but seven years of age, and passed the remainder of his life in Lancaster county. A man of great industry, he accumulated considerable property, and cultivated his lands, on which he made improvements which still remain to testify to his excellent judgment. In 1797 he built the stone residence still occupied by his grandson, Mrs. Sheaffer's brother, and in 1800 he erected a large barn which is still in use, and, like the dwelling, in a good state of preservation. In 1817 he built a large brick house on the farm, which is now occupied by his great-grandson. He passed away in 1817, at the age of seventy-two. Henry Sheibly first married a Miss Wenger, who died in 1794, and his second wife, Elizabeth (Miller), was the grandmother of Mrs. Sheaffer. She died in 1840, at the age of seventy-four.

Henry and Susanna (Groff) Sheibly, Mrs. Sheaffer's parents, were both natives of Lancaster county, the former born April 11, 1797, at Groffdale, the latter on June 11, 1802, in West Earl township. They were married March 12, 1822, and children as follows blessed this union: Anna, who died young; Abram G., of Upper Leacock township; Elmira, Henry and Martin, who all died young; Maria, who married John B. Lanfús; Susannah, late wife of Isaac Reif; Sarah Ann, who is the widow of Martin D. Sheaffer; Caroline, widow of Isaac Sheaffer, of West Earl township; and Adam, who died young. The mother of these died in April, 1877, after a long life of usefulness, filled with kindly actions and neighborly deeds. Mr. Sheibly survived until Jan., 1883, passing away at the home of his daughter Caroline, in Farmersville. He was buried from his old home, and laid to rest in the family burying ground. For many years he was one of the prominent farmers of his town, active in local public affairs and in the work of the Reformed Church, in which he served as elder. He retired in 1859.

GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, a druggist and retired teacher in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, was born in that borough Dec. 9, 1835, son of Samuel and Mary (Custer) Hackenberger.

Samuel Hackenberger was born in Conoy township, and his wife in East Donegal township; both died in Bainbridge, to which point they removed shortly after their marriage. They lived in Bainbridge the greater part of their lives, with the exception of six years spent at Maytown, and two years at Rowenna. Mr. Hackenberger began life as a farmer, and then became a manufacturer of cigars in Maytown. In 1847 he moved back to Bainbridge, and three years later entered the drug business, in which he continued until his death which occurred in 1887, when he was aged seventy-nine years. Mrs. Mary Hackenberger died in 1881, at the age of seventy-one years. They were members of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat except during the war period, when he voted the Republican ticket. Of their children, John died at the age of fifty-four years; George W. is mentioned below; Mary A., who died in 1899, was twice married, first to John Groff, later to Philip Shaffer; Lavina became the wife of Lieut. Mullin, of Topeka, Kan.; Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth and Catherine died young; Samuel (2) is a life insurance agent of Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Hackenberger were George and Mary (Hollinger) Hackenberger, the grandfather born in Germany, and the grandmother in Lancaster county. They settled in that county, where they were farming people. When a very young man he took part in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of George W. Hackenberger were George and Elizabeth Custer, who came from Germany and settled in East Donegal township at an early day, engaging in farming. He died while still a young man, but his wife lived to be seventy-five years old.

George W. Hackenberger was married, in Elizabethtown, in September, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Pence, and to this union came the following children: Walter, who died young; Iva N., who married N. R. Hoffman, lives with her father, and is a drug clerk; Lewis S., a coach builder and painter in Lancaster, married to Amanda Manning; George W., manager of two drug stores in New York City; Harry E., chief clerk in a drug house in New York City, who was with Gen. Miles in the Porto Rican campaign, as telegraph operator, 9th N. Y. Signal Corps. Mrs. Mary A. Hackenberger was born in Conoy township in 1842, daughter of William and Hettie (Synder) Pence. Her father was born in Maytown, and her mother in Conoy township, and they were farming people all their lives.

George W. Hackenberger spent the first eight years of his life in Bainbridge and Maytown, going to school, and then began stripping tobacco and making cigars for four years at or near Rowenna. Then coming back to Bainbridge, he continued in the same work till he was twenty-six years old. At that age he began teaching school. In 1873 he received a teacher's permanent certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the late Hon. J. P. Wickersham. He followed this calling for





thirty-four sessions, thirty sessions in one and the same school. He retired from teaching in 1897, to take entire charge of his drug store, in which his daughter Iva had been clerk, while he was teaching in the school room. Mr. Hackenberg became a druggist in 1878 and is now (1902) still engaged in that business. He was elected twelve times as auditor of Conoy township, for three years each. He is a man of ability, highly respected in the community, and holding to a marked degree the confidence of the general public. Mr. Hackenberg is a member of the G. A. R. and of the O. U. A. M. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religious belief a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He is one of the solid and substantial men of his community, and well deserves a prominent place among the leading men of Conoy township, Lancaster county.

Mr. Hackenberg had a somewhat brief but valuable military experience, enlisting in Co. H, 195th P. V. I., in February, 1865; he was discharged in January, 1866. He was made clerk in a general court martial, Department of Washington, where he was on duty for six months. While on picket duty during the closing days of the war, he participated in the picket line firing against the noted Col. Mosby's forces. His regiment was in the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Shenandoah, under Gen. Phil. H. Sheridan.

**JACOB HILDEBRAND.** Among the well-known and respected citizens of Strasburg is Jacob Hildebrand, who has won the esteem and respect of the community through a long life, during which he has faithfully served his borough in a number of public capacities.

Jacob Hildebrand was born Nov. 16, 1822, of German and French ancestry, a son of Jacob and Mary (Heiney) Hildebrand, the former of whom passed the greater portion of his business life in Soudersburg and Paradise. In those days there were no free schools in the locality in which they lived, and as the parents were limited in means, young Jacob had few educational advantages, and was early thrown upon his own resources.

The first attempt of the lad to make an honest living for himself was in 1822, when he engaged to drive a butcher wagon and deliver meat to the workmen building the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Ronk's Station and Leaman Place. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty years, the youth worked for Benjamin Herr, a farmer who lived about one mile east of Strasburg, laboring for his board and clothes, and it was through the kindness of Mr. Herr that he derived the little education which became his, as well as gaining the habits of study and investigation which proved useful in all his subsequent career. While living here he was permitted to attend the district school for several sessions, about four days out of each week, his benefactor paying the expense.

At the age of twenty, Jacob entered the cabinet-making shop of Joel Rice, of Strasburg, remaining in his employ for two years, and at the expiration of this apprenticeship, he started into business for himself, making furniture and working in carpentry, until 1852. At this date he purchased from W. S. Warren a stock of merchandise and entered into this business, remaining in the mercantile line until 1855, when he sold his stock and again resumed his former trade, engaging extensively in building and contracting; in 1856 he was a member of the building committee in the erection of the town hall.

In 1854, Jacob Hildebrand was elected by his fellow-citizens as chief Burgess of the borough of Strasburg, and for thirty years held other borough offices, but retired to private life at last, declining to serve longer. In 1860 he was elected Justice of the peace and immediately began to familiarize himself with the higher duties of this office, applying himself assiduously to the studying of surveying, conveyancing, the drafting of wills, and other legal papers upon which he would have to pass judgment, and until 1868 he was continued in the office, so efficiently serving that many of the difficulties of the neighborhood were amicably settled according to his judgment, without litigation. In the spring of 1868, he declined a re-election, and his son, J. Ross, was elected in his place. During one year he also filled the office of a notary public.

From 1863 to 1871, he owned and operated a job printing office in the borough, the purchase being made in order to keep this industry in town, circumstances being such that otherwise it would have been removed, and thus he made a permanent business which long flourished.

In 1871, Jacob Hildebrand was elected county surveyor, of Lancaster county, on the Republican ticket, and held the office for nearly four years; during that time he prepared with great labor and careful research connected drafts of the land originally granted by patent deeds in the townships of Strasburg, Paradise, Bart, Eden, and the greater part of East and West Lampeter.

Jacob Hildebrand was married Nov. 16, 1847, to Eliza Spielhman, who died in 1865, leaving ten children: Elizabeth and Mary, deceased; William W. Millard F.; Ella S., the widow of Samuel Dougherty; John R.; O. J., the wife of D. M. Aument; Laura K., the wife of Charles Kemery; Sallie B., widow of J. W. Goodman; and J. Ross. In November, 1866, he married Elizabeth Kendig, the widow of John Pennell. Two of his sons are engaged in the leaf tobacco business, under the firm name of Hildebrand Bros., of Strasburg.

"Squire Hildebrand, as he is familiarly known, is recognized as one of the most useful citizens of Strasburg; from a small beginning, with almost no educational advantages, but by patient industry and study, he has advanced to a position of honor and trust in the community, and has transacted a large amount of important business, acting very



frequently as administrator, assignee and executor, in the settling of many estates.

Fraternally, Mr. Hildebrand is a member of Strasburg Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F., having been a member since 1849, has passed through all of the offices of the subordinate lodge, has been secretary of his own lodge for forty years and has served as representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hildebrand is also a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society in which he is much valued, and is one of the official members of the M. E. Church, having served in the capacity of trustee since 1862. In his long business and public career, he has amassed a competency, but what is better, he has secured for himself a reputation as a high-minded, honorable man.

AMOS S. MOWRER, one of the old and most respected citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., belongs to one of the oldest families in that part of the State, settlement having been made here by his ancestors as early as 1700.

Through change and accident many of the old records of the pioneer families became mislaid, and beyond the fact that one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, coming here about the beginning of the eighteenth century, established the Mowrer family in this region, we have no authentic information until the time of great-grandfather Balser Mowrer, a well-known wheelwright, who industriously pursued his trade and accumulated property. His farm was in the locality now included in Eden township, but his remains lie in the Strasburg cemetery, near Providence, where the Reformed Church has a burial ground. His first wife was the mother of Adam, who was the grandfather of Amos S.

Adam Mowrer was born, reared and spent his whole life in this county, where he followed agriculture very successfully. He married the widow of John Shaffner, and from this union seven children were born: John, who became a successful farmer and engaged extensively in the lime business near Quarryville, living to be about ninety years old; Adam, who became a farmer of Providence township, where he died at the age of eighty; Jacob, the father of Amos S.; David, who became a farmer of Eden township, where he died at the age of eighty-seven; Margaret, who married John Templeton; Mary, who married Elijah Keene, and lived to the age of eighty-five; and Julia, who married Henry Keene. The longevity of this family was most remarkable, almost all of them filling out more than the four-score of the Psalmist, and all of them reared families noted for vigor of body as well as strength of intellect.

Jacob Mowrer, the father, was born in Strasburg township, July 9, 1803, and died July 4, 1892. After his marriage he settled in West Lampeter township where he engaged extensively in farming, operating a farm of 100 acres, becoming well known as a man of estimable character, and prominent in public

affairs. For many years he was a staunch Whig, and when that party was merged into the Republican party, he found himself in harmony with the change.

Jacob Mowrer was married to Mary Strohm, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Lelever) Strohm. Mrs. Mowrer was born in 1799, her life extending to 1891, when she passed away at the unusual age of ninety-one years and nineteen days. Both the father and mother belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. The following children survived at the death of these worthy people. The brothers and sisters of Amos Mowrer, who was the eldest, were: Elizabeth, who resides in West Lampeter township; Martin, who is a miller in Dayton, Ohio, and has become well known through various inventions, one of these being the machine used in the manufacture of corn grits; Adam, a farmer of West Lampeter; Isaac, a resident of Xenia, Ohio, a traveling salesman; and Mary, who is the widow of Abraham Eshleman, of Strasburg township.

Amos S. Mowrer was born Feb. 15, 1828, in West Lampeter township, in the locality of Big Springs, and was reared on the farm, where, according to the custom of the day boys were expected to have many duties. Being the eldest in a large and growing family, his schooling was frequently interrupted, and although he was apt and studious, he was not able to accomplish as much as he desired. In later life, a steady course of general reading, and a naturally quick comprehension have enabled him to supply all deficiencies. Being a man of progress, he has identified himself with public affairs, and has given his influence toward religious and social advancement, gaining the confidence of his fellow-citizens to such an extent that he has been called upon to serve in many of the local offices, including that of county commissioner.

Formerly he was a Whig and later became a Republican, and has so efficiently served on the school board that he has been elected five terms, and was once appointed to fill a vacancy; for fifteen years he has been the capable auditor of the West Lampeter township board; he has also served as the auditor of the Penn Township Fire Insurance Company. In fact, Amos S. Mowrer is one of the citizens of his township who possesses the esteem of almost all within its borders, who have unbounded confidence in his integrity.

Amos S. Mowrer was married Jan. 10, 1857, to Annie Harnish, a daughter of Michael G. and Elizabeth (Warful) Harnish, who was born Feb. 15, 1836, and died June 11, 1881. To them were born eleven children: Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Barbara, Serenus, and Harnish, all deceased; Emma, who married B. Frank Gontner, of West Lampeter township; Anna, who married David H. Huber, of his township; Jacob H., a resident and implement dealer of Lancaster City, married to Mary B. Keady; Mary and Elizabeth, twins, the former at home, the latter, the wife of Jacob L. Hess, of West Lampeter township; Ella, who married Jacob F.





Charles of that township; and Adda, who resides in Lancaster City.

Since 1806 Amos S. Mowrer has lived retired from active life, and with his daughters, Mary and Adda, makes his home in Lancaster City, at No. 547 West Walnut street. During her lifetime, his wife was one of the most devout of women, and a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, where she was valued and beloved for her many traits of Christian character. Mr. Mowrer is passing his advancing years among his old surroundings, beloved by a great circle of friends, who remember how cheerfully and generously he has ever devoted time and means to the advancement of his family and neighborhood.

**MRS. MARTHA SHIREMAN.** Among the well-known and most highly esteemed residents of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was Mrs. Martha Shireman.

The first marriage of Mrs. Shireman was with Christian Heisey, who was born in East Donegal township, and died upon his farm there, in 1846, at the age of forty-one; he was buried in Reich's cemetery. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Heisey, well-known citizens of the township. The occupation of Mr. Heisey was farming, in which he was very extensively engaged. To his marriage with Martha Zeigler were born: Eli, who died at the age of fifty-two, married to Anna Reicht; Barbara, deceased; Zeigler, deceased; and Jacob B., born in East Donegal township, on Nov. 3, 1853, who resides in Maytown, married Barbara Welchans, a daughter of William and Anna (Drebenstadt) Welchans, and had four children, William, Martha Z., deceased, Anna and Mary. The parents of Mrs. Jacob B. Heisey had these children: Clara; Joseph, a carpenter in Harrisburg; Anna, who married Jeff. Shireman, of Maytown; Samuel; Barbara; Anna, who married William Staum; George; and May, who married a Mr. Stewart, a cigar-maker of Lancaster.

The second marriage of Mrs. Shireman was to Dr. William J. Shireman, in Maytown, whose death occurred in October, 1894, at the age of sixty-five; he was a man of means and prominence, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church. For a number of years he successfully practiced dentistry in Maytown, and at his death, left many who felt deeply bereaved.

Joseph W. Shireman, the brother of Dr. William J. Shireman, was born in East Donegal township, died in Maytown, March 15, 1900, at the age of seventy-four, and was buried in the burying ground of the Reformed Church. His parents were Frederick and Lydia (Welchans) Shireman, of East Donegal and York counties, respectively; shortly after their marriage they settled in Maytown, where the former carried on a business of cabinet-making. The children born to Frederick and Lydia Shireman

were: Aaron, who died in 1894; Samuel, a farmer of Dauphin county; Jacob, who died at the age of fifty; Joseph W., deceased; Anna, who was Mrs. Michael Eazle, deceased; and Dr. William J., who died in 1894.

Mrs. Shireman was born in East Donegal township, Feb. 5, 1815, and died in September, 1902. She had had a long residence in the township, and was universally esteemed. She had been an interested witness of the growth and development of the country and in spite of advancing years remained to the last one of the most active, intelligent and entertaining ladies of the vicinity.

**CALVIN COOPER,** of Bird-in-Hand, East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, now in his seventieth year, was born there and still lives within 150 yards of his birthplace, having bought a part of the original tract on which his father first located when he came to that vicinity in 1827. Mr. Cooper was the third child in the family of nine born to Mark P. and Sidney (Conard) Cooper; is a grandson of Calvin Cooper, who was a noted carpenter by trade, and one of the principal mechanics who erected the first bridge across the Susquehanna river at Columbia; and a great-grandson of John Cooper, who was among the first settlers who came to this part of the country from Wales, and settled in the neighborhood of Christiansa.

The ancestors of Sidney (Conard) Cooper came from Germany; she was a daughter of Abraham Conard, who married Catharine Evans, March 24, 1766. Calvin Cooper is therefore a descendant of Everard Conard, whose parents were among the first settlers to locate in the vicinity of New Garden, Chester county, and among the offspring of one "Thomas Kunders," who emigrated from Germany through the influence of William Penn, and located, with others, who accompanied him, upon 500 acres of land in Germantown, Philadelphia, about the year 1683.

Calvin Cooper, whose name introduces this notice, received his education in the private schools then common, before the passage of the public school laws of the State, and also had one term of four months at a private boarding school at Jennersville, Chester county, and one term at a similar school of a higher grade in Wilmington, Del. After this his attention was directed to guiding the plow and to the methods then used for growing field crops. His farm consisted of about ninety acres, and he well remembers the arduous duties of a farmer's life before the introduction of the labor saving implements now so common on every well equipped place. To handle the sickle deftly, swing a scythe close to the ground and roll up a good swath, and to swing a cradle gracefully were accomplishments which all good farmers sought after and paid good wages for.

In the fall of 1858 Mr. Cooper married the eldest





daughter of Peter and Lydia Hunsecker, of Manheim township, the former of whom was of German descent, and the latter of Welsh.

During the Civil war Mr. Cooper twice joined the emergency troops and went forward as first non-commissioned officer to meet the invading Rebel forces who threatened a raid upon that fertile region. He was elected for three terms as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Agriculture, serving eight years, and he has served three terms of five years each as one of the justices of the peace of his township, the duties of which office, with surveying, conveyancing and scrivining, and the growing of nursery trees have occupied his time fully. With the help of a loving and industrious wife he has raised a family of three sons and two daughters, who are now fighting the battles of life, each in his own chosen life pursuit; these children are: Harry H., post-master of Nacogdoches, Texas; Elmer E., traveling salesman for the Moline Implement Work, Dallas, Texas; Milton C., supervising principal of the Asa Packer school, Philadelphia; Mena May, wife of W. Ross Esbenshade, of Leaman Place, Pa.; and Ella Sidney, wife of Harry W. Barnard, of Collamer, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES C. BRINTON**, a general farmer, was born Sept. 5, 1838, in Salisbury township, on the farm where he still resides and where agriculture has been the pursuit of his life. His parents, Caleb and Ann (Richards) Brinton, were respectively born on a farm adjoining the one just mentioned, and on another just across the boundary line in Chester county, near Kennett Square.

Caleb Brinton was reared a farmer, settled on the present farm in Salisbury township in 1830, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying Dec. 18, 1851, at the age of sixty-four years; his widow survived until Nov. 6, 1888, when she expired at the advanced age of eighty-eight. Both were bright lights in the Society of Friends, and their mortal remains were laid to rest in the Salisbury meeting house cemetery. Caleb Brinton had been twice married, the first time to Eliza Fox, who bore him seven children, as follows: Moses, of Nebraska, now deceased; Rebecca, widow of Joseph Hood, of Philadelphia; George, a retired merchant in West Chester; Letitia, deceased wife of Robert Swisher; Mary A., of Landstown, Pa., widow of Clarkson Brosius, the father of Hon. M. Brosius (deceased); Hannah, widow of John Carter, of Emporia, Kans.; Elizabeth, who died unmarried. To Caleb and Ann (Richards) Brinton were born four children, viz: Phoebe, who died in 1861; Isaac, who died in Andersonville prison, a member of the 57th P. V. I.; Charles C.; Sergt. Channing Brinton, of Co. K, 97th P. V. I., who was killed in front of Petersburg, Va., and whose remains were brought home for interment in the Sadsbury cemetery.

The paternal grandparents of Charles C. Brin-

ton were Moses and Hannah Brinton, of Salisbury township, and the maternal grandparents were Isaac and Mary Richards, of Chester county, whose farm was deeded to their forefathers from William Penn direct.

Charles C. Brinton began his education in Hunsecker's Academy at Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., and next at the age of sixteen entered the Millersville Academy; the remainder of his life has been passed on the farm with the exception of three months in 1861, when he was in the Union army, but he had no part in any battle.

Charles C. Brinton has been twice married: first, on Oct. 28, 1875, he was united in matrimony at his present home by the mayor of Lancaster, Captain Stauffer, with Anna Baker, daughter of Elisha and Ruth Baker and a native of Chester county; she was called away in April, 1883, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving one child, Channing, born June 10, 1879, who died April 15, 1883. Their remains found repose in the Sadsbury meeting house cemetery.

The second marriage of Mr. Brinton took place in Philadelphia, March 12, 1890, to Anna Dickinson, and this union has been graced with four children. Charles, Caleb, Anna and John M. Mrs. Anna (Dickinson) Brinton was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 13, 1857, and is a daughter of Henry and Anna (Baldwin) Dickinson, of Lancaster and Chester counties respectively. Henry Dickinson was a farmer by calling, but also conducted a general store at Roseneath, Salisbury township. He was also a justice of the peace for many years. Somewhat late in life he retired to private life, his death occurring in 1896, at the age of seventy-five years, and that of his wife in 1898, at seventy-four, the remains of both being interred in Sadsbury meeting house cemetery. The children born to Henry and Anna Dickinson were eight in number and named as follows: Lorenzo; Lydia, deceased; Phebe, of Reading, Pa.; Henry, deceased; Hayes, employed on the railroad at Reading; James, foreman in the steel works at Steelton; Bayard, of Steelton, a doctor; and Anna, now Mrs. Brinton.

The Brinton family, one of the oldest in the State, has always been prominent in the management of local affairs, has been influential in the Society of Friends, and after the organization of the Republican party was largely instrumental in securing the abolition of slavery.

**ABNER PEOPLES**, a retired farmer and esteemed citizen of Strasburg township, was born Feb. 27, 1825, in New Providence, Pa., son of John and Susan (Miller) Peoples, both deceased.

John Peoples was a son of Francis Peoples, a farmer of Lancaster county, who had a family of five children, namely: William, Francis, Samuel, John and Sarah, all of whom have passed out of life. John Peoples, the father of Abner, was born Dec. 10, 1793, died in New Providence, Dec. 28,



1862, and was a merchant, farmer and lime-burner and one of the leading citizens of his community. About 1818 he married Susan Miller, of Lancaster, and seven children were born to them: Mary, born Dec. 6, 1820, deceased; Anna, born Jan. 16, 1823, deceased; Abner; Amanda, born Nov. 6, 1827; Leah, a widow, born Oct. 14, 1829, who lives in New Providence, Pa.; Hiram, born in Feb. 1835, a retired farmer of New Providence; John, born July 29, 1837, who resides in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

Abner Peoples was reared on a farm and received his education in the schools of his township. When he started out in life for himself it was as a poor boy, and his present financial position has been secured by the exercise of industry, perseverance and economy. His fine farm of 127 acres, with its excellent improvements, attests his success, and he is fully justified in passing his declining years in rest and retirement. In his earlier years he was a Whig, but has been an active Republican since the formation of that party. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 9, 1848, Mr. Peoples was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hess, of Pequea township, born Sept. 28, 1823, and daughter of John Hess. A family of four children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, as follows: Lottie, born June 29, 1849, married to Henry Groff, of Providence township, a farmer; Mary, born in 1852, the wife of Frank Gachnour, a carpenter of Providence township; Susan, the wife of Dr. L. M. Bryson, of Paradise township; and Thaddeus, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. Peoples has an ancestry of which he may well feel proud, both the Peoples and Miller families being among the leading ones of the county. Great-grandfather Miller was one of the oldest settlers of that part of Lancaster county, was born in 1713, and married Mary Brubaker, born in 1710. Their son David, the grandfather of Abner Peoples, was born in 1754, married Mary Scuder, born in 1753, and they had a family of nine children: Jacob M., born in 1776; Annie M., 1778; David, 1781; Elizabeth, 1784; Mary, 1786; Catherine, 1788; Daniel, 1790; Isaac, 1793, and Susan, the mother of Abner Peoples, was born in 1797. All these good people lived worthy lives and at death were mourned with respect and affection. Since the days of the Revolutionary war the families of Peoples and Miller have been identified with the most of the progress and advancement in educational and religious lines in this vicinity. Abner Peoples is a most worthy representative of this combined ancestry.

**NISSLY.** The pioneer of the Nissly family in America was Jacob, who emigrated from Switzerland in 1719, and settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he took up a large section of land, purchased from William Penn. The land remained in the Nissly family for about 150 years, when it was bought by David Wolgemuth, who still

owns it. Jacob Nissly was naturalized in 1729. Of his children, (1) Jacob Jr. married and became the father of three sons, Henry, Jacob and Martin; (2) John (Hans) married a Miss Sechrist, and had six sons, Michael, John, Jacob, Abraham, Samuel and Martin; (3) Martin married a Miss Snyder; (4) Henry is mentioned below; and the daughters, three in number, married respectively, into the Buhrman, Ebersole and Steward families.

Henry Nissly, son of the pioneer, Jacob, was born in 1722, and made his home on a mill property, with 100 acres of land, on Chickies Creek in Rapho township. His descendants now live in Clay township. He married a Miss Reif and they became the parents of eight children: Barbara, who married Michael Brandt; Anna, who married Jabez Shuey; Henry; Martin; Catherine, who married Dr. Michael Kaufman, of Manheim borough; Jacob; Maria and Abraham, who both died in infancy.

Martin Nissly, son of Henry above mentioned, was born Jan. 16, 1750, and located in what is now known as Clay township about 1787, on a farm of nearly 175 acres. He married Elizabeth Hallock, and had two children: Catherine, who married Benjamin Bollinger; and Henry, married to Catherine Martin.

Henry Nissly, son of Martin, and great-grandson of the pioneer Jacob, was born July 12, 1783, became a prominent farmer of Clay township, and passed away in 1864, at an advanced age. He married Catherine Martin, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Blickinger) Martin, the former of whom had located in Clay township in 1804. To Henry and Catherine (Martin) Nissly were born nine children: Peter, who married a Miss Pfoutz, and has a son Jacob, residing near Richland, Lebanon county; Martin and Henry, deceased; Samuel; Elizabeth; John, deceased; Catherine and Anna, deceased; and Isaac, who married a Miss Bryson, and died in 1862, leaving one child, Ella V., now living in Reading.

Samuel Nissly, son of Henry and Catherine (Martin) Nissly, was born May 29, 1815. He was reared upon his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen he went to Lititz to learn the cabinet maker's trade, and served his apprenticeship of two years, after which he worked there for three years and then returned to the home farm, where he carried on his trade for the following two years. In 1840 his uncle, Peter Martin, instructed him in the mysteries of land surveying, and this Mr. Nissly has since followed. In politics, Mr. Nissly is a Republican, but originally was an old-time Whig, casting his first presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison in 1840. In 1850 he was elected justice of the peace, and has been re-elected every five years since. He is president of the Lincoln National Bank, and has been a director of the Northern Mutual Life Insurance Company since its organization in 1844. He has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the company in that time. Mr. Nissly is unmarried.





HENRY P. BRENEMAN, a retired farmer now living in Florin, Pa., was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., March 14, 1831, and is a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Peters) Breneman, natives of Conestoga and Manor townships, respectively. They settled in the township of Mt. Joy in April, 1831, and spent their lives on the farm which they settled upon at that time. The father was a prominent man in the community, settled many estates, had been supervisor and school director, and was living a retired life at the time of his death. Largely instrumental in the organization of the Mt. Joy Fire Insurance Company, he exerted a wide influence in its behalf. In 1895 he died at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow, who survived until 1879, reached the age of seventy years. They were both buried in the Kraybill cemetery in East Donegal township. They attended the Mennonite Church, though she was baptized in the Reformed Church. To them were born: Mary, who married David Brandt, a farmer in East Donegal township; Nancy, deceased; Henry P.; George, deceased, who became mute at the age of seven years, from scarlet fever; Aaron, a retired farmer of Florin; Kitty, the widow of Jacob Gish, of Chester county, Pa., living with her daughter; Fanny, the widow of George Hambright, of Florin; Isaac, a retired farmer, who died at Elizabethtown and was buried in the Mt. Tunnel cemetery, leaving one son, Benjamin.

Henry P. Breneman has been twice married. In 1857 he was married in Lancaster county to Catherine Florv, by whom he became father of the following children: Henry, who married Anna Baker, and is now a retired farmer in Florin; Jacob, who married Malinda Hoffer. He has since died and is buried in Elizabethtown cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine (Flory) Breneman was born in Rapho township, and died in 1873 at the age of forty-two years, and was buried in the Kraybills cemetery. She was a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Gantz) Flory, of Lancaster county, both excellent people.

Mr. Breneman was married in Mt. Joy township, Nov. 13, 1873, to his second wife, Mrs. Mary (Hambright) Barnhart. Mrs. Breneman was born in Rapho township, and is a daughter of George and Catherine (Baker) Hambright, born in Rapho and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. They came to Florin in 1868, where the father died at the age of seventy-four. The mother died in 1871, at the age of forty-nine. They were buried in the Florin cemetery, and both were members of the United Brethren Church. Mary was their only child. The father was married a second time to Fanny Breneman, by whom he had the following children: Benjamin, who married Alice Caslow, and is a farmer in Florin, Pa.; Amos, who married Elizabeth Yetter, and is an operator in Florin; George, who died in 1900, an operator, unmarried; John, now attending Annville College at Annville, Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Breneman

were Adam and Mary (Hosler) Hambright, of Conestoga and Rapho townships, respectively. Both died in Rapho township, where he was a farmer and carpenter, and they were buried in Hosler's cemetery in East Donegal township. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Breneman were George and Anna (Hoffman) Baker, who lived in Mt. Joy township, and were buried in Lebanon county, in the old Lutheran cemetery, which is just on the line. Martin Baker, the father of George, came from Germany.

Mrs. Mary (Barnhart) Breneman, was twice married. Her first marriage was on June 4, 1856, when she was united to Henry K. Barnhart, in Annville, Pa., by whom she became the mother of two children: Katie Ann, who married John C. Zug, of Rapho township, where he is engaged in a mercantile business; and Emma M., of Lebanon, Pa., who married S. S. Zug, justice of the peace, and whose children, Elsie B., Roswell H. and Daisy B., are all at home. Mr. Barnhart followed farming and also operated a hotel at Milton Grove. He died in 1872 at the age of thirty-six years, and was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Joy.

Henry P. Breneman remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, and then began a career for himself as a renter of one of his father's farms in Mt. Joy township, where he spent a number of years, and then removed to a second farm belonging to his father. On this he remained until 1880, when he came to Florin, to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of that peace and comfort to which his industrious years were well entitled.

Mrs. Breneman is a member of the German Baptist Church, and her husband belongs to the Resurrection party. They are both excellent people and are deservedly popular among their neighbors.

LEVI S. GROSS. The great family of the name of Gross, members of which may be found all over the United States, was founded in Lancaster county, Pa., by Johannes Gross, who was born in Germany about 1736, came to America while still a youth, and located in Penn township, where he engaged in farming and thrived until he owned some 532 acres of the fertile land of Lancaster county, extending through both Penn and East Hempfield townships. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church and all records go to show that he was a most industrious and respected man, who left a large family behind him, one of whom, Martin Gross, was the grandfather of Levi S. Gross.

Martin Gross (1) was born in 1768, lived a quiet, agricultural life, and died in April, 1837. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Elizabeth Weidler and a family of two sons and six daughters was born to them: George, who migrated to Dayton, Ohio, where he died; Martin, the father of Levi S.; Elizabeth, who married George Getz; Charlotte, who married George Salm; Sarah, who married A. Shindle; Mary, who married



John Getz; Susan, who died single; and Anna, who married Jacob Kimmel. The parents were most worthy people, who were kind neighbors and lived in peace with their fellow-men.

Martin Gross (2) was a farmer by occupation, but died in 1817 at the early age of thirty-six years; his wife, who had been Mary Stetman, still survives, at the age of eighty-four, a beloved resident of her son's household. To them were born: John S., who resides with his brother Levi; Salinda, who married Levi H. Hess, of Manheim; Harriet, who married Isaac B. Espanshader, of Manheim township; and Levi S.

Levi S. Gross was born on the farm he now occupies, located two miles northwest of Petersburg, on Aug. 8, 1836, a son of Martin and Mary (Stetman) Gross; he was reared a farmer boy, and educated in the excellent public schools of his district. On Dec. 2, 1858, he was married to Miss Elizabeth B. Espenshader, a daughter of Jacob Espenshader, and settled down to domestic life on the old homestead, where he continues to reside. This farm consists of eighty-one acres, and Mr. Gross has made many valuable improvements and has attended to the cultivation of the land in such a manner that its yield is enormous.

However, although much interested in his agricultural life, Mr. Gross has found time to take note of the needs and wants of his community and was one of the organizers of the Northern National Bank, of Lancaster City and is one of its directors; for several years, he has been president of the Northern market, in Lancaster; is also a stockholder and director in the Lancaster and Manheim Traction Company, and a director in the Northern Trust and Savings Company. In addition to the responsibilities attaching to these positions, he has served on the school board for a period of nine years and has ever been most active in the ranks of the Republican party, representing his township as a delegate to the county conventions and has most efficiently served on the county committee.

Seven children have been born to Levi Gross and his wife: Amelia, who resides at home; Lillie, who married Martin L. Nissley, of West Donegal township; Ida, who resides at home; Martin, who married Miss Lizzie Hershey, and resides in Penn township; Annie, who married John H. Stetman, of Penn township; Emma, who married Phares S. Moore, of West Hempfield; and Clara, who resides at home.

Mr. Gross is one of the representative men of East Hempfield township and possesses the confidence and esteem of the community where he has so long made his home.

DAVID H. BRANDT, late a retired farmer of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born in Mt. Joy township, Jan. 5, 1827, a son of John H. and Katie (Hosler) Brandt, of East Donegal and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. The father died in East Donegal near Maytown, in 1853, at the age of fifty-four years; the mother died in

1863, at the age of seventy-five years, and their remains are now resting in the cemetery at Mt. Joy, to which they were removed from the cemetery in Maytown. Both were members of the German Baptist Church.

John H. Brandt was actively engaged in farming to within six years of his death, and was a man of much character and standing in the community, upright, honorable, straightforward and honest. John H. and Katie Brandt were the parents of the following family: John H., a miller in East Donegal township, who died in 1889; Michael H., a retired mason in Mt. Joy; David H.; Fanny H., who died unmarried; Joseph H., who died in Middletown, Pa., in April, 1899. Of the parents of John H. Brandt it is now remembered only that their names were John and Fanny Brandt.

David H. Brandt was twice married. In 1853 he was united with his first wife, Elizabeth Longenecker, in Dauphin county, Pa. Born to this union were: Simon L., who married Lizzie S. Eshleman, and is now living in Marietta, Pa.; Alphas L., who married Alice Sherk, and is living with his parents; John L., who died young; Tillie L., at home. Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt was born in Conewago, Dauphin county, and died Sept. 6, 1895, at the age of thirty-seven years. Her remains were interred in the Hoffer Church cemetery in Conewago township. John and Barbara (Hoffer) Longenecker, her parents, were natives and residents of Dauphin county, where her father engaged in farming, and in his younger life was a teacher.

The second marriage of David H. Brandt occurred in January, 1868, when he was united with Mary P. Breneman, of Mt. Joy. Mrs. Mary Brandt was born in Millersville, Manor township, in July, 1824, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Peters) Breneman, both natives of Manor township. They died in Mt. Joy, to which point they had removed in 1832. Her father died in 1872, at the age of seventy-one years; her mother died Nov. 15, 1879, at the age of seventy-eight years, and both were buried in the Kraybills Meeting House cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Mary; Lizzie, who died young; George, deceased; Henry P., of Florin, Pa.; Katie, the widow of Jacob Gish, now living in Chester county, Pa.; Aaron, a retired farmer near Florin; Isaac, deceased; Fanny, the widow of George Hambright, who lives in Florin.

David H. Brandt remained with his parents until his marriage, when he worked his father-in-law's farm in Dauphin county until his wife's death. Following that sad event he removed to Mt. Joy township, where he remained until 1872, when he came to his present farm, a fertile and well cultivated place of 103 acres. He was an honored member of the Mennonite Church, and stood high in the esteem of his neighbors. In his politics he was a Democrat, and took a broad and enlightened view of the affairs of the town and the nation, seeking to do the





full duty of the citizen on all occasions. His death on April 9, 1902, at the age of seventy-five years, was a distinct loss to the community.

**SIMON SEITZ MANN, M. D.**, enjoys a large general practice in Columbia, where he has been actively engaged in the duties of his profession for several years. Though yet a young man, he has the confidence and high regard of his patrons and fellow citizens in an enviable degree, and he is a worthy representative of a family whose members have long been among the most respected citizens of Manor township, Lancaster county.

Bernard Mann, the grandfather of Simon Seitz, was born in Manor township, where his grandfather, Bernhart Mann, who emigrated from Hülffenhart, Germany, in 1748, made his home. He always followed farming, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his section, owning 106 acres of valuable land, which he cultivated profitably all his active life and which is now owned and cultivated by his grandson, Jacob S. Mann. His neighbors and fellow citizens held him in the highest esteem, and his counsel and advice were frequently sought by them; noted no less for his business ability than for strict honesty, he was often called upon to assist them in their business affairs, and he settled up and administered over fifty estates. He was also active in public affairs, and served his township as supervisor. Mr. Mann was a Democrat in political faith. He married Anna Wertz, also a native of Manor township, and a member of one of its old families, and they became the parents of eight children, one of whom died in childhood. John is a farmer in Cumberland county, this State. Henry W. is mentioned below. Elizabeth is the wife of Eli Shuman, of Cumberland county. Margaret is the wife of John Sherick, of Manor township, this county. Annie is the wife of Levi Mann, of Manor township. Simon is engaged in farming in Manor township. Carrie is the wife of Henry Hershey, of Lancaster county. The father was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Henry W. Mann was born June 14, 1820, in Manor township, was reared on the old home farm, and received his education in the neighboring public schools. He remained with his parents up to the age of twenty-seven years, when he removed to the present family home, a 120-acre farm located one mile east of Washington borough, in Manor township. He made the place one of the first in the locality, provided with all modern improvements, and managed in the most business-like manner, careful attention being given to all the many details necessary to the successful conduct of an up-to-date farm. Mr. Mann fully sustained the reputation borne by his ancestors for honesty and sterling integrity. He and his family united with the Mennonite Church. Henry W. Mann passed away Dec. 24, 1901. His son, Henry S., resides on and has taken the home farm.

In 1856 Henry W. Mann married Miss Anna C. Seitz, who was born in 1833 in Manor township, daughter of Jacob and Annie Seitz, and eight children blessed their union. Anos died in early childhood. Jacob S. married Emma Herr; Eli S. married Annie Rohrer; George W. S. married Annie Kauffman; Henry S. married Maggie Sherick; these four sons are engaged in farming in Manor township, the last named on the home farm. Enos S. married Mary A. Fulton, of York county; he received a good common school education, engaged in teaching for a time, and was also employed three years as clerk of the Columbia National Bank, and two years in the Lancaster County Bank; studying medicine, he was graduated from the medical department the University of Pennsylvania in 1806, and has since practiced medicine, being now located in Dallas town, York Co., Pa. Simon S. is our subject proper. Hiram died in infancy.

Simon Seitz Mann was born Oct. 28, 1807, in Manor township, where he grew to manhood on the home farm. His early education was acquired in the local public schools, and he also attended the Millersville Normal, from which he was graduated in 1890. His medical education he received at the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1804, and he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession, first as resident physician in the Children's Homoeopathic Hospital of Philadelphia, then for three years at Honey Brook, Chester Co., Pa., whence he went to Columbia. Dr. Mann has gained ground rapidly since locating in that town, and now has a lucrative and still increasing practice. While preparing for his life work he engaged in teaching for some time, and met with gratifying success in that line also. He is a director of the Columbia National Bank and the Columbia Telephone Company. Socially Dr. Mann is a Mason (sixth degree) and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political support is given to the Democratic party.

**WILLIAM H. BUNN.** It is seldom that there is found a United States official whose faithfulness, integrity and capability have enabled him to retain his position for more than forty-two years, yet such is the case with William H. Bunn, postmaster and merchant at South Hermitage, Lancaster county, Pa., where, under the firm name of William H. Bunn & Son, he is conducting a general store at the same place where he started in the fall of 1860.

William H. Bunn was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1828, the eldest of the nine children that constituted the family of David and Catherine (Martin) Bunn, natives respectively of Chester and Lancaster counties. David Bunn was a carpenter by trade, as was his father before him, but the latter was also a farmer. David died in Cochranville, Chester county, in 1802, at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife had passed away in 1871, when sixty-two years old. They were members of





the Presbyterian Church and their remains were laid to rest in Brandywine Manor. Their children were named as follows: William H.; Martin A., who died in Illinois; Mary J., who died at the age of four; Martha, at the age of three; Mary F., at two; Emma, deceased wife of J. C. Buchanan; Elizabeth, married to Park Rutherford, of Highland, Pa.; Benjamin, a farmer of Highland township, Chester county; and Hugh W., in the grocery business at Rockford, Ill. The paternal grandparents of these children were Benjamin and Mary (Beerbrower) Bunn, natives respectively of Pottstown, Pa., and Bucks county.

William H. Bunn until sixteen years of age lived with his parents in Moscow, Chester county, where he was employed as a clerk for two years; then he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed in a wholesale dry-goods store two years, and then located in Rockville, Chester county, and opened a general store, which he conducted one year. In 1851 Mr. Bunn came to Salisbury and for one year was engaged in general merchandising; thence he went to Pequea, where for four years he was occupied in the same line of trade, and then sold out and purchased a farm in Salisbury township, on which he resided four years. But the mercantile instinct was strong within him, and he was ever on the alert for an opportunity to re-embark in the business which had engaged his early attention, and which his tastes and keen insight into its methods had so eminently qualified him to pursue. Accordingly, seizing an opportunity of profitably disposing of his farm, in the fall of 1860 he opened up business at his present stand in South Hermitage and was the same year appointed postmaster, having first been elected supervisor of the township for one term, and subsequently town auditor.

William H. Bunn was united in marriage April 21, 1853, in Bellemonte, Lancaster county, with Miss Sarah R. Flemming, and this congenial union has been blessed with seven children, born in the following order: James R., who died at the age of three years; Ada C., who is married to William T. Irwin, a clerk, resides in Chester, Pa., and is the mother of two children; Olivia, who is the wife of C. W. Dampman, a clerk, resides at Point Pleasant, N. J., and is the mother of three children; Jemey C. Bunn, living at home with her parents; Thresia, residing at Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa., who is the wife of John D. Knox, a farmer, and has three children; David, living with his father, and married to Mary C. Corbett, who has borne him one son, Robert O.; and Charles, a farmer in Eagle, Lancaster Co., Pa., married to Lena Mast, who has borne him two children.

Mrs. Sarah R. (Flemming) Bunn was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 31, 1826, a daughter of James and Olivia (Cowan) Flemming, natives of Chester and Lancaster counties, respectively, and parents of the following named family: Sarah R., wife of William H. Bunn; Margarette C., widow of

John Wilson and residing in Chicago, Ill.; William R., who died at the age of forty years; Joseph O., a resident of Lincoln, Neb.; Anna W., deceased wife of a Mr. Garrett; James P., who died in Cincinnati, Ohio, when nineteen years old; Mary E., married to Davis Roseboro, a manufacturer of wagons at Wagontown, Chester Co., Pa.; Susan P., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., wife of Frank Woole; and Thomas P., deceased.

James Flemming, the father of Mrs. Bunn, was for years manager of the iron plants owned by the Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, one of the early Free-Soil members of Congress from Pennsylvania and a strong anti-slavery man: Mr. Flemming was also the manager of the plants of James P. Paxton. The death of Mr. Flemming occurred in Salisbury township in 1843, at the early age of forty years, and that of his widow in March, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-eight. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bunn, James and Rebecca (Oglebie) Flemming, were highly respected farming people of Chester county; and the maternal grandparents, William and Mary (Rutter) Cowan, stood equally high in the same vocation in Lancaster county.

William H. Bunn has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party and an earnest worker in its ranks as well as a sagacious adviser in its councils. The long tenure of his present position shows him to hold the confidence not only of the party's managers but that of the public in general. He has always taken a leading part in the promotion of the public welfare of Salisbury township, being public-spirited to an extreme degree and willing at all times to sacrifice his time and means for the benefit of the community of which he has so long been a member, and in which his name will be revered as long as Salisbury township shall endure. For twelve years he was treasurer of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, the teachings of which he has followed throughout his long and useful life.

ISAAC MURR, was born in East Earl township and died in Intercourse, Pa., March 25, 1898, having spent his seventy years in Lancaster county in a most honorable and commendable industry. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with Roland's church.

Isaac Murr was a son of Jacob and Katie (Shaffer) Murr. His father was born in Germany, and his mother in Lancaster county; both are now dead. They had the following children: Caroline, now living in East Earl township, at the venerable age of ninety-five years, who has been twice married, to Jacob Usner and to Michael King; Henry, a resident of Paradise, Lancaster county; John, George, Jacob, Michael, Louis, Isaac and Daniel, all deceased.

Isaac Murr was married in July, 1833, to Catharine Kurtz, who was born in Salisbury township, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Kurtz) Kurtz. Her parents removed in 1854 to East Earl township, where they spent the rest of their lives. Her



father died in 1883 at the age of seventy years; and the mother, in 1889, at the age of seventy-nine; both were buried in Kancks' Church cemetery. They were members of the United Brethren Church. Born to this union were the following children: Catharine, who is Mrs. Murr; Sylvester, who is a farmer and phosphate manufacturer in East Earl township; Sarah J., who married E. J. Stunkard, of East Earl township; Mary A., who died young; Emma C., who married Martin L. Hummond, a farmer of East Earl township.

Abraham and Magdelina (Martin) Kurtz, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Murr, were born in Salisbury township. Her great-grandfather, Jacob Kurtz, was also a resident of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents, John and Katie (Sho-walder) Kurtz, were natives of Salisbury and Cone-stoga townships, respectively. John Kurtz was a son of Christian Kurtz, of Salisbury township.

Isaac Murr followed the blacksmith trade the greater part of his active life. In East Earl township he worked with Daniel Geist, and while still a boy, came to Intercourse in 1858. In his later years he dealt extensively in horses and cattle, and became very prominent in the community. In his politics he was a Republican, and took a most intelligent and active interest in political affairs. He was a good citizen, an honest man, and a genuine gentleman.

CHRISTIAN E. GOSS, a farmer and teacher of Conoy township, and a man respected alike for his character, learning and industry, was born in the township of West Donegal, Aug. 29, 1857, a son of Joseph H. and Mary (Erb) Goss.

The father was born in Londonderry township, Dauphin county, and the mother in Conoy township. The senior Goss died in Conoy township in April, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a farmer, and in every way a most estimable man. For a year he served on the board of supervisors. His widow who was born in 1832, is now a resident of Elizabethtown, and is the mother of the following children: Amos, who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie, the wife of Abraham H. Meckley, of Columbia; Christian E.; Joseph H., a farmer, of Elizabethtown; Mary, who died at the age of two years; Anna, the wife of David Gable, a merchant of Mt. Joy; Ella, the wife of J. W. Shireman, a farmer of Conoy township; Emily, the wife of Prof. H. S. Brinser, of Bainbridge; Myra, the wife of Joseph Martin, a teacher of Middletown.

The paternal grandparents of Christian E. Goss were John and Lizzie (Haldeman) Goss, residents of Dauphin county, but in later years they removed to West Donegal township, Lancaster county, where they died. They were devoted to a farming life, and were honest and industrious to the last degree. Mr. Goss's maternal grandparents were Christ and Lizzie (Kraybill) Erb, natives of Lancaster county, and lifelong residents of Columbia.

Christian E. Goss and Miss Martha Lindemuth

were married in West Donegal township, Dec. 25, 1884, and are the parents of the following children: Irene; Clarence, deceased; Mary, who is now living with her aunt; Christian; Helen; Joseph, deceased; Raymond; Sarah; Paul; John. Mrs. Martha Goss was born in West Donegal township, Feb. 3, 1857, and was a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Engle) Lindemuth, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father was a farmer, and died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years. Her mother now resides in Elizabethtown.

Christian E. Goss remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. When he was nineteen he began teaching, and for twenty-seven years he has taught school in the same township, nine at Stevens, sixteen at Wickersham, and two at Bainbridge. For two terms he was auditor, and for ten years has occupied the position of justice of the peace; in the spring of 1900 he was appointed census enumerator for his district. In his politics he is Republican, and in his religion a member of the Church of God, of which he is now an elder in the local church.

Mr. Goss is a man of fine character, much intelligence and is greatly esteemed in the community where he has spent his industrious and useful life.

JACOB C. McCONNELL, M. D., a popular citizen of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, is a native of Chester county, where he was born April 13, 1848, a son of Jacob and Abigail (McCaumant) McConnell, both of Scotch extraction, but of American birth. The family is an old one in Chester county, where its various representatives have been prominent in both farming and trade.

Dr. J. C. McConnell was reared on the farm, and had his general school training in the public schools, and at the Millersville Normal, where he spent two years. At the end of that time he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Ring-wolt, of Churchtown, and entered Jefferson Medical College in the fall of 1868, from which institution he received his degree in 1870. He pitched his tent at Terre Hill, where he has remained to the present time, winning many friends, and building up a good practice. His footing in the community is unquestioned, and his success is complimentary in the highest degree.

PLANK IRWIN, a retired miller at New Holland, Pa., was born at Honeybrook, Chester county, Dec. 5, 1810, a son of William and Christina (Plank) Irwin. His father was born in Chester county, and his mother in Lancaster county.

William Irwin was a miller in Honeybrook, and during the war of 1812 was a member of the Light Horse. His death occurred in 1876, at the age of seventy-six. His wife died in the same year at the age of seventy-four. The husband and father was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the mother was associated with the Amish church. To William





Irwin and his wife were born: James, William and John, all of whom are dead; Martha, the widow of Louis Emory, living in Coatesville, Pa.; Plank.

The parents of William Irwin were Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin. This family came from Scotland, and James Irwin was a farmer. The parents of Mrs. Christina Irwin were John Plank and his wife, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Plank Irwin was married Dec. 5, 1866, to Lydia A. Kurtz, who was born in Salisbury, and died May 19, 1889, at the age of sixty years. She was a daughter of Isaac and Julia (Rhodes) Kurtz, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, where the father was engaged in farming and held a very conspicuous station in the esteem of the people of his community.

Plank Irwin remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he engaged in the milling business, in which he worked for twenty-three years. In 1884 he retired from active labors, and made his home on a two-acre tract in New Holland. Mr. Irwin belongs to the Lutheran Church. In his politics he is a Republican. Notwithstanding his advanced age, he is still hale and vigorous, and in the fall of 1901, cut and shocked his own corn. His industry and integrity have won him a fair share of this world's goods, and he is very comfortably situated.

JOHN HERTZLER, president of The Lancaster Trust Company, bears a name that has been honored in this State for generations. His grandfather, John Hertzler, a prominent farmer, lived and died in Rapho township, Lancaster county, leaving both his estate and his name to his son, who also lived a useful and quiet life there, dying at the age of fifty-seven.

The Hertzler family originated in Holland, and the several generations residing in America have been principally engaged in agriculture, its members becoming extensive land owners, excellent farmers, and most worthy and reputable citizens.

John Hertzler, father of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, married Miss Fanny Eschleman, who was a daughter of John Eschleman, a retired farmer of Elizabethtown, and a descendant of one of the leading families of the State. They had three children: John, the third of his name, president of The Lancaster Trust Company; Mary A., widow of Jacob Hertzler, a banker of Elizabethtown; and Elizabeth, wife of A. F. Murray.

John Hertzler was born in the old homestead in Rapho township, Dec. 16, 1836, and was educated in the public schools of his district. At the age of sixteen years he entered into the banking business in Elizabethtown, remaining there until 1880, and in the next year, at the organization of the Fulton National Bank, he became paying teller. From this position he was promoted to that of cashier, remaining with the institution until 1887, when he resigned and went to Minneapolis, Minn., there becoming treasurer of the Northwestern Milling Company. At

the end of two years he closed his business interests in the West, and returned to Lancaster to accept the position of treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Company, which position he filled with great acceptability to both the officers and patrons of the institution. Mr. Hertzler continued in that office from 1889, the date of the company's organization, until the death of John I. Hartman, on Dec. 26, 1899, at which time he was promoted to the presidency of this stable and popular financial concern.

It is generally conceded that no two men have contributed in a more marked degree to the success of The Lancaster Trust Company than John Hertzler and his predecessor. The careful, conservative course adopted by Mr. Hertzler is supported by the other officers of the institution, and his field of usefulness in this connection seems to extend far into the future. Although so much of his time and energy is necessarily given to the affairs of this company, he is interested in numerous other enterprises, and serves as president of the Hubley Manufacturing Company, treasurer of the Star Bail Retainer Company, secretary of the American Guard Rail Fastener Company of Philadelphia, and a director of the Lancaster County Railway & Light Company (which controls all the lighting and trolley systems of Lancaster county), as well as a director in a number of the railway lines controlled by the Conestoga Traction Company. Mr. Hertzler has developed an ability to meet important business problems that has made his influence felt in all these various undertakings. He is also a trustee of the Reformed Theological Seminary, and the Lancaster Cemetery Company, and treasurer of the board of education of the Reformed Church of the Eastern Synod of the United States. In addition to the above he is an active member of the first Reformed Church, and one of its most liberal supporters. In politics Mr. Hertzler has always been a staunch Republican, but he has never taken an active part in political affairs.

Through his marriage with Miss Emma Groff, Mr. Hertzler became connected with one of the oldest and most substantial families of the county. He was married in October, 1880, his wife being a daughter of the late Samuel Groff, who died in November, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Hertzler's three children are John Walter, a student of the Lehigh University; Arthur Groff, also a student at Lehigh; and Emma A.

BENJAMIN F. HOOKEY, of Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, descends from Benedict Huckey, as the name was then spelled, who came to the United States from Berne, Switzerland.

Benedict Huckey was a farmer by occupation. He first settled in Berks county, Pa., but in time migrated to Springfield, Ill., where he died at the age of eighty. He was a man of powerful physique, six feet in height and of massive frame, a fine specimen of manhood. His family consisted of five children, Samuel, deceased, who was a foreman on railroad





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construction; Christian, father of Benjamin F.; Rudolph, a retired merchant of Springfield, Ill., now (1902) eighty-six years old; Mary, who became the wife of a Mr. Yelk, of Springfield, Ill., both deceased; and John, deceased, who was a carpenter at Paradise, this county, where he made his home and died.

Christian Hookey was born Nov. 7, 1812, and died in June, 1898. He was a carpenter and followed that trade throughout his life. He married Christianna Trissler, who was born March 7, 1818, and still survives; they had a family of ten children, as follows: John, who died when two years old; Mary, who died in 1899, the wife of George W. Nagle, of York, Pa., deceased in June, 1901; Benjamin F.; Elizabeth, who died when fourteen months old; Ellen, the wife of Frederick Wettig, a retired butcher of Lancaster; Harriet, the wife of Aaron Fulmer, of Lancaster; Emma, who died when nineteen years old; Anna, the wife of John Beverly, of Lancaster; Margie, the widow of James P. Plucker, of Lancaster; Samuel, who died when thirty-five years of age. The children of John and Mary (Huber) Trissler, maternal grandparents of our subject, all except Mrs. Hookey now deceased, were: Mary, wife of Henry Steigerwalt, both now deceased; Michael, a butcher of Lancaster; John, a butcher of Lancaster; Sophia, wife of William Hubbard, of Lancaster, both deceased; Catherine, wife of William Hensel, both deceased; Christianna, mother of Mr. Hookey; David, a butcher of Conestoga Center; and Harriet, wife of Henry Stauffer, of Philadelphia, both deceased. The father of this family was a butcher by trade.

Benjamin F. Hookey was born at No. 231 East Chestnut street, Lancaster, April 29, 1841. He was reared and educated in that city up to the age of ten years and then removed to Conestoga Center, where his education was finished. At the age of ten he went to work for his uncle David and after eleven years in his employ bought out the business, butchering, which he has since conducted on his own account. He has a well-appointed establishment, and does a wholesale as well as retail trade, slaughtering all his own stock. Mr. Hookey is a leader in his line in the county. He stands for everything which is to the advantage of the community, and is ever ready to lend his support to this end.

On Dec. 6, 1863, Mr. Hookey married Barbara A. Groff, daughter of Mr. A. Groff, ex-coroner of the county, and they have had a family of eight children, as follows: Anna L., wife of Henry M. Heibeck, of Strasburg; B. Frank, Charles Edgar, Mamie, and Esther E., all deceased; John Arthur, resident of Mellenville, N. Y., a mixer in the chemical department in the Atlas Match Company; Wilber P., at home; and Emily, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hookey have been members of the M. E. Church of Conestoga Center since 1860. He has long been a member of the board of trustees and for thirty-two years its secretary, having always

been a regular attendant. He is a member of Conestoga Lodge, No. 334 I. O. O. F., and represented the lodge to the grand lodge several times since 1862, the last time in 1902; a charter member of Kishacaquillas Tribe, No. 65, I. O. R. M., of which he has been chief of records for thirty years; a member of Mt. Nebo Castle, No. 128, K. of M. C.; of the Order of the Golden Eagle, A. Herr Smith Castle, No. 158; and White Cross Commandery, No. 159, K. of M. He also belongs to Capt. George H. Hess Post, No. 571, G. A. R., Safe Harbor, and is the present commander, having filled that office two different times, and been its delegate to the state encampment at a number of sessions of the body. Mr. Hookey served in Co. A, 18th Pa. militia, having been mustered into the service Sept. 10, 1862, as a musician; he was mustered out after a short term of service. He also has the proud record of settling up more estates as executor, administrator, assignee, trustee under wills, etc., than any other man in the community in which he resides, in all cases without any solicitation on his part; he is held in high esteem by his neighbors for honesty and uprightness and is a man whose services, advice and support in legal matters are sought after and accepted. He has also been honored by the different orders of which he is a member, by his election for quite a number of years in succession as their representative to the grand bodies, which meet in annual session.

Mr. Hookey is a Republican in politics, has voted that ticket for forty years, and been an active worker in his district for more than thirty; he has represented his district many times in the county conventions as committeeman, and has been return judge of the election board. He has been a candidate several times for the office of county commissioner and expects to be again at the coming election in 1905, with the prospect of being elected.

JOHN H. PARTHEMER, an honored veteran of the Civil war and an old and respected resident of Elizabethtown, was born at Middletown, Pa., Oct. 15, 1835, a son of John and Anna (Hotts) Parthemer, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, respectively. The father, a farmer, was born in 1799, and died in 1864 at the "White House Hotel." His widow survived him many years, dying in Highspire, Pa., in February, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years; they were both members of the Church of God. They were parents of the following family: Jacob, who died at the age of nineteen; Mary, who married A. Petral, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Anna, who lived to be ten years old; Lizzie, who died in infancy; Henry, who lived to be seventy-one; Elizabeth, who died young; John H.; George W., who lives at Highspire.

The paternal grandparents of John H. Parthemer, Jacob and Elizabeth (Alleman) Parthemer, were residents of Middletown; his grandfather on the maternal side, John Hotts, lived in Lancaster county.





John H. Parthemer was married in Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 23, 1865, to Miss Anna E. Parthemer, and the children of this union were: Grant A., a telegraph operator of Parkersburg, Pa.; Lillie F., who died at the age of thirteen months; William F., a telegraph operator in Lancaster; Frances M., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Clarence E., who died in infancy; Carrie E., at home; Wallace C., at home, who for the past year has been billing clerk in the freight depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Anna E. (Parthemer) Parthemer was born near Hummelstown, Pa., Nov. 5, 1842, a daughter of William and Catherine (Sener) Parthemer, of Dauphin county. Her father was a prominent and very successful business man and farmer in his community, holding the office of tax collector, and dealing extensively in real estate for many years. He died in 1885 at the age of seventy-six years, his wife having passed away thirteen years before at the age of fifty-seven. They were members of the United Brethren Church, and were much esteemed in their own community by those who were the best acquainted with them. Mr. and Mrs. Parthemer had the following family: Sarah, who is living unmarried at Annville, Pa.; Mary, who died in infancy; Anna E., who is married to John H. Parthemer; Samuel, a farmer in Kansas; Fanny, the wife of Samuel H. Granm, of Grafton, W. Va., who has been State Senator, and is a lumber merchant, and the vice-president of the First National Bank of Grafton; Kate, the wife of George L. Hanschue, of Wrightsville.

Mr. Parthemer began working on the farm at the very early age of seven years, and continued there until he was twenty-four years old, when he removed to Highspire, where he was engaged in farming for fifteen years. For three years he was engaged in farming at Duffy's Island, and two years in tobacco farming at Falmouth, Lancaster county. For a year he was on a rented farm in Dauphin county, and then came back to Falmouth, where he continued tobacco farming until 1876. For four years he was engaged in the same business in Elizabethtown, and then in 1880 retired from active business.

The military experiences of Mr. Parthemer were creditable both to his manhood and patriotic devotion. Oct. 9, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Co. I, 93d P. V. I. When his term of three years had expired he re-enlisted in January, 1864, and served throughout the war. He was seriously wounded three times. In the battle of Winchester he received his first wound while engaged in that conflict under command of Gen. Sheridan, but he remained with his company. His second wound was received in the battle of Cedar Creek, and though severely wounded in the foot, he remained on the line of battle and did his full duty as a soldier. His third and most serious injury was received in the trenches in front of Petersburg, March 25, 1865, when the bone of his right leg was splintered by a bullet, and three pieces of the

bone were removed at City Point Hospital. When he was able to travel he went home and was treated by his family physician. Mr. Parthemer entered the service as a private and was mustered out as a lieutenant, June 27, 1895.

Mr. Parthemer at once applied himself to the art of peaceful life on his return from the army. For a year or more he ran individual cars between Harrisburg and Elizabethtown, N. J., and was employed in a stone quarry two years, and then began farming on Duffy's Island, as noted above. Mr. Parthemer has been school director three years, and was president of the board one year. In 1895 he was elected to the town council, and has been re-elected to that position. In the spring of 1901 he was chosen a member of the United States jury, and sat in that body at Philadelphia for three weeks. He is a member of the Church of God, and is a Republican in his politics. An honorable and straightforward man, he has achieved a fair measure of success in life, and richly deserves whatever good fortune has come to him.

SAMUEL ELLIOTT, wholesale and retail ice dealer in Lancaster, is one of the city's prominent and prosperous business men. He was born in Lancaster, Dec. 23, 1847, son of James and Elizabeth (Ewing) Elliott.

James Elliott, the father, born Oct. 16, 1808, was a successful agriculturist and operated a number of excellent farms in Lancaster county, one of these being that belonging to President James Buchanan, in Lancaster township. He died in 1854, at the age of forty-seven years, his widow surviving until 1893, when she had reached the age of eighty-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were buried among the beautiful surroundings of Woodward Hill cemetery. Their children were: Jane, died unmarried; Margaret, who married Sheaffer Metzgar, of Lancaster; Rebecca, who is the widow of Henry Shultz; Findly, who was married to Elizabeth Hildebrand, of Strasburg, who later died, and he then married Catherine Mathiot, of Strasburg, Lancaster county; Maria, deceased, wife of Thomas Scott; and Samuel.

Mr. Elliott spent his boyhood in his native city and was instructed in her excellent schools. He was engaged in teaming from the age of twenty-three years until 1872, when he embarked in the ice business which he has conducted with excellent judgment and good success ever since, carrying on both wholesale and retail lines. He is progressive in his methods and has fine accommodations to meet the demands of the public.

On Sept. 16, 1878, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Myers, born in New York City, Sept. 9, 1847, daughter of John and Catherine (Bream) Myers, of Germany. Mr. Myers made a trip to America alone, soon after his marriage, to benefit his health, and finding the climate agreeable, he returned to Germany and came



back with his wife, locating in New York City where he carried on the business of a shoe merchant. In 1851 he removed to Lancaster and after the death of his wife Jan. 21, 1878, at the age of sixty-four years, he took a trip to the West, remaining for a period of three years. His death took place in 1890, at the age of seventy-nine years, and both he and his wife were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Myers had three children, namely: George G., who is a justice of the peace, in Coatesville, Pa.; Gustavus, who conducts a barber business in Lancaster; and Josephine, who became Mrs. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have had a family of three children, namely: John F., born Oct. 28, 1879, who died in 1895, at the age of fifteen years, eleven months and twelve days; Samuel G., born Nov. 12, 1881, who married Miss Hazel Rote and is engaged in the ice business in Lancaster; and Florence E., born Nov. 20, 1883, at home. The religious connection of the family is with the Trinity Lutheran Church, to which Mrs. Elliott is a liberal contributor. In politics Mr. Elliott is a staunch Democrat, but no office seeker, attending to the demands of his increasing business with such close attention that he finds little time for the political field. However, Mr. Elliott takes a great interest in the progress and development of his city and her resources, and favors those enterprises which prove to be worthy.

**WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG**, the popular and successful proprietor of the "Quarryville Hotel," at Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born in West Ontario, Canada, May 26, 1843, and is a son of John and Jane Armstrong, natives of the North of Ireland and of Scotland, respectively. They were married in Ireland, and came to Canada in 1836, and began their career in the New World on a farm where their industry, thrift and integrity soon brought them to the front, bringing them into wide recognition as prosperous and successful. The father died in 1884, and his widow two years later. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Methodist.

To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born the following children: Robert, now of California; John J., of Canada; David, a lumberman in Canada; George, deceased; William C.; Johnston, deceased; Margaret J., the wife of Mr. Pierce, of Canada; Irwin, of Canada; two who died in infancy.

William C. Armstrong received a somewhat limited education when a boy, and began life as a blacksmith in London, Canada. After working a while there and in other Canadian cities, in 1861 he sought work in Rochester, N. Y.; for some time he worked in that city and in New York, and then went to Nashville, Tenn., where he followed his trade. In 1864 he came to York county, Pa., where he worked at his trade until 1868. There he married Sallie E., the estimable daughter of Squire James Johnston, of York. Mrs. Armstrong was born in 1843, in York county, and was educated in the home schools.

She was one of eight children born to her parents: Nancy Johnston, the widow of Thomas McMasters; York county; Mary, the wife of James Maxton, of York county; James, a veteran of the Civil war, and now a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Sallie E.; Samuel, a farmer on the old homestead; John, a farmer in York county; William, deceased; Hugh, a farmer of York county.

William C. Armstrong settled at Oxford, Chester county, where he engaged in work as a blacksmith some eight years, and in addition took charge of a livery stable there which he purchased, for some eight years, doing a profitable business in horses also. In 1886 he purchased the large hotel in Oxford, where he engaged as a hotel man until 1897. Then he spent about a year on his farm in Russellville. In 1898 he became the proprietor of the "Quarryville Hotel," where he is still carrying on what has proved a very profitable hotel venture. To him and his good wife have come five children, two of whom died young. Those living are: William, who is married and has one daughter, Violet, born in Chester county in 1896; Ross is unmarried and at home; Florence, the only daughter, is a young woman of much culture and refinement, and is greatly loved and admired for her many good qualities, her generous disposition and kindly nature having made her many friends among the guests of the hotel as well as among the people of the town. Mrs. Armstrong and her daughter Florence, belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Armstrong and both his sons are Republicans and take an active interest in party politics. Aside from his very successful career as a hotel man, Mr. Armstrong has given much thought and care to fine horses, and he has handled some of the finest track horses in the State. "Gordon H.," the noted stallion, with a national reputation, is owned by him, as well as several other noted flyers on the speedway.

**BENJAMIN K. LONG.** Connected with the agricultural life of Lancaster county, Pa., since 1729, the Long family have the right to be termed one of the oldest and best known in this part of the State of Pennsylvania.

The great-grandfather of Benjamin K. Long was Herman Long, the founder of the family in America, who came to this country from Switzerland, and located in Lancaster county, where he purchased a large tract of land, in East Hempfield township, a part of this now being contained in the town of Landisville. Just east of this property lay the old Long homestead, which was purchased in 1737, consisting of 350 acres, and the greater portion of this valuable land is still in the possession of the Long family, Benjamin K. being the fortunate owner of ninety-four acres, and Herman H. Long, son of John K. Long, deceased, the owner of seventy-one acres.

John Long, grandfather of Benjamin K., succeeded to this large estate, and left part of it to his





son Abraham, who was born April 20, 1778, and here he conducted a distillery in connection with his farming operations. He married Anna Kauffman, a daughter of Christian Kauffman, Feb. 14, 1811, who was born Dec. 4, 1792, and who died Dec. 18, 1870. The father died Dec. 28, 1846. Abraham Long and wife reared the following children: (1) Abraham K. married, Jan. 20, 1838, Susan Huber, and died Jan. 14, 1843, leaving no children. (2) Christian K. married, Nov. 25, 1847, Anna Hiestand, and died Aug. 30, 1896, the father of six children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Matilda, who married Christian Nissley, and lives in Rapho township; Abraham H., who married Emma Meyers, and lives in East Hempfield township; Lizzie, who married Elias Herr, of Manor township; Christian H., of Landisville, Pa.; and Hiram, deceased. (3) John K. married, Jan. 9, 1849, Elizabeth Miller, and died May 11, 1897, the father of two children: Herman H., who married Lillie Hoar, and lives in East Hempfield township; and Fannie P., of Landisville. (4) Benjamin K. is the subject proper of this sketch. (5) Susan married, Nov. 11, 1847, Jacob H. Hershey, and died Oct. 18, 1898, the mother of six children: Emilia, deceased wife of Levi H. Shenk, of Rapho township; Washington, who married Sarah Deweller at Marietta, Lancaster county; Abraham, who married Fannie Mellinger, and resides at Silver Spring, West Hempfield township; Webster, who married Catharine Zoog, and lives in East Hempfield township; Benjamin, who married Lizzie Gamber, and resides at Silver Spring; and Horace, deceased. (6) Anna was married Nov. 11, 1841, to Samuel Nissley, and she died Nov. 15, 1863. Ten children were born of this union: Harriet, wife of Jacob Hostetter, of Penn township; Jonas, who married Anna Charles, and makes his home in Manor township; Abraham, who wedded a Miss Smith, and now lives in East Hempfield township; Samuel, of Drumore township, who married Ellen Hershey; Herman, of Harrisburg, who wedded a lady from Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Benjamin, who married Anna Hostetter, and now lives in East Hempfield township; Frank, who married Lillie Hoffman, and also lives in East Hempfield township; Henry Lincoln, a resident of Illinois, who married a Miss Johnson, a French Canadian from Montreal, Canada; and Ellen and John, both deceased. (7) Fannie was married Dec. 20, 1849, to Jacob B. Landis (a business man of Mt. Joy, who died in July, 1863), and became the mother of seven children, as follows: Benjamin, residing at Erie, Pa., who married Emma Busser; Ellen; Aaron, Abraham, Wesley and Jacob, all four deceased; and Lemuel, a resident of Lancaster city, who married Susan Swartzly. (8) Maria married Abraham Perry, of Lancaster, and has one daughter, Anna.

Benjamin K. Long has always followed farming, continuing to be actively engaged until 1880, when he retired, and since then has lived in the quiet

enjoyment of a sufficient competency. Benjamin Long has never married, but his sister, Mrs. Landis, makes her home with him, as her surviving children have homes of their own.

Before taking up religion Benjamin Long was an active Republican, and the principles of that party he has always considered the best. The religious connection of himself and sister is with the Reformed Mennonite Church, where both are highly esteemed.

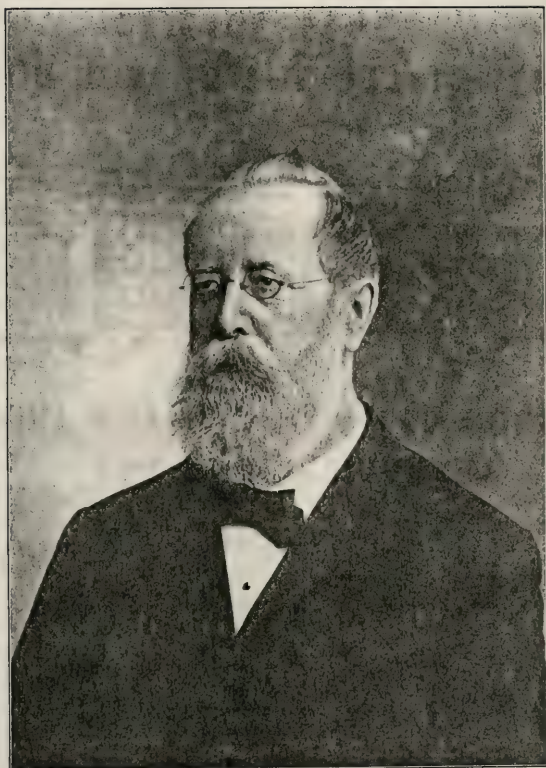
LEVI ELLMAKER, Esq., one of the best known members of the Lancaster Bar, belongs to one of Lancaster's oldest and most prominent families, and their history is given in the sketches of Mr. Ellmaker's father and his brothers, the late Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., and Dr. Thomas Ellmaker, elsewhere in these annals.

Levi Ellmaker was born in the old Ellmaker home on North Duke street (where John D. Skiles' tobacco warehouse now stands) Feb. 22, 1836. After attending private and public schools in Lancaster, in his boyhood, he was sent to the West Chester Academy, spending three years there, and three years at the College of St. James, in Maryland. He then went for a time to Yale. After leaving college Mr. Ellmaker went to Colebrook Furnace, Lebanon county, with the Colemans, remaining there three years, then spent two years in Kansas, and returned to Lancaster, arriving here in December, 1858. In February, 1859, he engaged in the coal business at Prince and Lemon streets, continuing there until April, 1866. His next business enterprise was the purchase of an interest in the Susquehanna Rolling Mill, at Columbia, and after that he read law with his brother, the late Nathaniel Ellmaker, and was admitted to practice in April, 1876. After being engaged in active practice with his brother for some years, failing eyesight compelled him to abandon general practice, and to confine himself to Orphans' Court practice, in which he is engaged at present.

Although an ardent Republican since 1856, Mr. Ellmaker has never accepted—and certainly never sought—public office, although political preferment has been within easy reach of himself and his brother, Nathaniel. Neither would accept political office because, at the death of their father, a paper was left by him in which he admonished his sons never to seek nor accept political office, and they respected the admonition. In his earlier manhood Mr. Ellmaker was active in Masonry, having belonged to Lodge No. 43, and Commandery No. 13. Religiously he affiliates with the First Presbyterian Church, having been a pew holder there for an ordinary life time.

Mr. Ellmaker was married, Jan. 13, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Robert D. Carson, who was cashier of the Lancaster County Bank. Four children were born of this union, Mary, Elizabeth Elder, Susan Carson, and Amos,





*L. Ellmaker*





Mary and Amos entering into rest in early childhood.

Possessed of fine conversational powers, fond of reminiscence, and withal of a most genial, kindly nature, Mr. Ellmaker naturally has hosts of friends, and is as popular professionally as he is socially.

**JOSIAH HERSHEY**, a well-known retired farmer of Salisbury township, is a worthy representative of a highly esteemed family that has been known to Pennsylvania since 1719, when three brothers came to America from their home in Switzerland, and located in Lancaster county.

Joseph Hershey, the grandfather of Josiah Hershey, was for many years a prominent bishop in the Mennonite Church, and in his life faithfully endeavored to follow the rules of the faith he professed. He made his home in Salisbury township, and when he died in 1855, at the age of sixty-four, his remains were laid to rest on a part of his farm, set aside as the Hershey burying ground. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Magdalena Roop, lived to the advanced age of ninety years, and was laid to rest at her husband's side. Their children were as follows: Jacob R., mentioned below; Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; John, who died young; Abraham; Barbara, who became the wife of David Hoover, and is now deceased, and Anna, who died young.

Jacob R. Hershey grew to manhood on his father's farm, and made farming his occupation through life. Brought up in a Christian home, he early professed his faith, and became a preacher in the Mennonite Church. For forty-two years he has been an expounder of the doctrines of that sect, and has lived so as to lead his flock by example as well as by precept. He is greatly beloved in the community where he is so well known, and his advice is ever followed with unflinching fidelity. He married Margaret Eby, daughter of Peter Eby, whose wife was a member of the Weaver family. (For sketch of Eby family, see sketch of Bishop Peter Eby elsewhere). To their union were born nine children, of whom we have the following record: Josiah, our subject; Magdalena, wife of John R. Buckwalder, of Kinzers, Pa.; Peter, who went West, and has not since been heard from; Ephraim, a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary, who married Christian Metzler, a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob, a farmer in Salisbury township; Susan, wife of John S. Rohrer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lizzie, who died young; and Margaret, deceased.

Josiah Hershey was born Oct. 24, 1839, and he remained with his parents on the farm in Salisbury until his marriage, when he moved to a farm about one mile distant, and there resided about twenty-five years. He then removed to Chester county, Pa., and engaged in farming there for nine years, after which he passed three years at Gap, Lancaster county, and two years more in Chester county. The years passed in Lancaster county in his youth and

early manhood had formed ties time could not break, and when he retired from active work in 1900, he returned to his native town and purchased forty-five acres of land, still, however, retaining his Chester county farm of 154 acres.

On Aug. 2, 1859, Mr. Hershey was married, at Reading, Pa., to Mary A. Hershey, and this union has been blessed with children, as follows: Abby, who married Francis Lennock, and died at the age of thirty-one, leaving seven children: Magdalena, who married Isaac S. Rohrer, of Kinzers, Pa., and has four children; Elizabeth, who married Addison M. Groff, of Lancaster, and has four children (he is engaged in the poultry business); Margaret, who fell into a tank of water and was drowned at the age of twenty months; Joseph L., at home; Maggie, who died at the age of eighteen months; Peter E., a farmer of Chester county, who married Theresa Derringer, and has three children; Josiah W., who is engaged in the hardware business at Gap, and who married Gertrude Townsend, by whom he has two children; Dr. George B., of Salisbury, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Naomi, Ruth and Samuel, who all three died in infancy. Mrs. Mary A. (Hershey) Hershey was born in Upper Leacock township, Nov. 14, 1849, a daughter of Jacob F. and Christina (Bair) Hershey, the former a farmer and miller, who entered into rest Oct. 1, 1896, aged seventy-nine years, and the latter of whom died in April, 1896, at the same age. They were both buried in Hershey's cemetery in Salisbury township. Their children were: John B., a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary A., Mrs. Hershey; Emanuel, a farmer and miller of Chester county, Pa.; Amanda, wife of J. B. Cadwell, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacob H., of Philadelphia; and Ada E., wife of Taylor Worst, of Philadelphia. The family were brought up in the Mennonite faith.

Jacob F. Hershey, father of Mrs. Mary A. (Hershey) Hershey was a son of John and Elizabeth (Frantz) Hershey, farming people of Lancaster county. Mrs. Christina (Bair) Hershey was a daughter of Joel and Mary (Wolf) Bair, farmers and slave owners of considerable prominence.

Josiah Hershey, our subject, has been a man active in public affairs wherever he lived. During his residence in Chester county, he efficiently served as supervisor, and for three years was a school director. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Like his father and grandfather before him, he is a Mennonite in religious faith. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, charitable in his judgments, he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

**ANDREW HERR.** Among the prominent and substantial farmer citizens of Strasburg township, who for many years has been one of the progressive and successful men of this locality, is Andrew Herr, who resides upon a fine estate one mile north of Refton, Pennsylvania.





Andrew Herr was born in West Lampeter township, on a farm which adjoins the one he now occupies, March 10, 1841, a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Hershey) Herr, the former of whom was a son of Rev. Christian Herr, who, in turn, was a son of Rev. Christian Herr, the family being an old one in this county. Elias Herr was born in May, 1804, and died Oct. 11, 1881. He started on his business career on the farm in West Lampeter township where our present subject was born, where he became the owner of a farm of 100 acres, upon which he erected a distillery, which he conducted for many years, later opening up and operating two other distilleries in Strasburg township. This business proved very remunerative and as time went on he increased his landed possessions until he had four fine farms in West Lampeter and in Strasburg townships, and wood lands in Martic township, aggregating many hundreds of acres. In addition to this property he bought land both in the South and West. Elias Herr was a man of more than ordinary business ability, and while others were willing to quietly cultivate the soil and enjoy its yield, he was ever on the alert to develop every part of his land, and to make it just as productive as the farming portion. Hence, when he found a deposit of lime on his property he engaged in lime burning, which business grew to large dimensions, and for many years yielded considerable income. The lime proved to be of a fine white quality, and readily sold over a great extent of territory. This business is still carried on by his sons, and is handled by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. As a man of known probity he was called upon to administer many estates, and was known far beyond his own county. His connection with the Mennonite Church had been of many years standing.

The first marriage of Elias Herr was to Elizabeth Hershey, who died in 1848, leaving five children: Jeremiah, who resides in West Lampeter township; Mary Ann, who married Rev. Elias Groff, of Strasburg township; Andrew, of this biography; Elias, who resides in Limeton, Warren Co., Va., engaged in the lime business; and Benjamin F., of Lancaster, who is the agent for the Ephrata Mineral Springs water. The second marriage of Elias Herr was to Catherine Hershey, a sister of his former wife, but she, too, passed away, her death occurring in 1862. His third union was with Margaret Weaver, who died in 1893.

Andrew Herr was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of West Lampeter, and remained at home, assisting his father, until his marriage, in 1863, when he located upon the farm which he still occupies. This land required much improvement and ever since locating upon Mr. Herr has been adding to its value. In 1864 he erected the residence which at that time was considered to be both commodious and convenient, but times have changed, and now Mr. Herr has one of the most comfortable and attractive residences in

the county, the remodeling having been done in 1900. Modern improvements have been introduced and now there is no more agreeable country home in the county. After Mr. Herr located on this place he turned his attention entirely to farming, and until 1880 engaged in no other business, but at that time took charge of the lime kilns which had been operated by his brother, Benjamin F. Herr, and since that time has carried on both lines of business. The lime kilns are valuable property, the output since 1867 having been about 50,000 bushels, and all of it is of the highest quality, being burned exclusively with wood. The home farm of Mr. Herr contains 140 acres and he also owns the one adjoining on the west, of 152 acres, and recently purchasing twenty more acres, he has divided his whole property into three farms. He has erected new buildings on the third farm, and has builded the house of brick, as are the houses on the other two farms. Andrew Herr is also the owner of a tract of seventy acres of wood land in Martic township, and thirty-eight acres in Providence township and also two small tenant properties, all of these combined, with his other interests, making him one of the most substantial men in the township. Although a man of wealth and prominence, he is of quiet and unassuming manner, and is valued as a good neighbor and kind friend.

On Oct. 27, 1863, Andrew Herr was united in marriage with Susan Hess, who was born near Lampeter, in West Lampeter township, Feb. 28, 1842, a daughter of Harry and Elizabeth (Herr) Hess. They have had a family of eight children: Elizabeth F., born Dec. 30, 1864, married Jacob E. Witmer, a farmer of Strasburg township; Milton, born in 1866, died in infancy; Lucina V., born Dec. 22, 1867, died Sept. 28, 1870; Annie W., born April 10, 1870, died March 10, 1871; Susan E., born Jan. 2, 1872, married Benjamin Shaub, of Strasburg township; Harry H., born July 22, 1874, died Sept. 20, 1882; Mary E., born Sept. 2, 1876, married Jacob W. Brenneman, of Strasburg township; and Amos A., born Nov. 28, 1880, died Dec. 4, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are happy in their children and rejoice in their five grandchildren, Claire, Susan, Arthur and Anna Witmer and Myrtle Shaub. Their religious connection is with the Old Mennonite Church, with which the family name is associated through the State.

JACOB B. MECKLEY, a retired farmer and carpenter of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Mt. Joy township, Sept. 25, 1822, a son of Jacob and Mary (Brandt) Meckley, of Dauphin, and Lancaster counties, respectively. The father was a farmer, and was killed by a tree falling on him before his son Jacob B. was born. He was the father of two children: Anna, who married Henry Sharrer, and is now deceased; and Jacob B. The widowed mother married for her second husband, Leonard Bender, by whom she had the following children: Leonard,



deceased; Christian, who is in the West; John, also in the West; Mary is married and lives at Marysville, Pa.; Fanny, who died unmarried in 1880; and William, in the West. Mrs. Bender died in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1880.

The paternal grandfather of Jacob B. Meckley, Melchior Meckley, came from Germany with his wife. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Meckley was Christian Brandt, a native of Lancaster county, where he lived and died.

Jacob B. Meckley was married in 1847 in Harrisburg, to Elizabeth Sherer, and to this union were born the following children: Isaac, who married Mary Kob, is deceased; Simon, deceased; Fanny, who married Joshua Kaylor, a farmer of Conoy township; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Miller Metzgar, of Dauphin county. Mrs. Elizabeth (Sherer) Meckley was born in Dauphin county, Aug. 15, 1828, a daughter of John B. and Christiana (Brill) Sherer, farmer people of Dauphin county, where their entire lives were passed.

Jacob B. Meckley remained with his mother until he was four years of age, when he was put into the care of an uncle, Joshua Hofier, who lived in Dauphin county, and the ensuing ten years of his life were spent with him. At fourteen he began working for himself among the neighboring farmers, and after ten years of farm work rented a place for himself, which he cultivated one year, and then went on a second farm, where he remained until he was thirty-five years old. It was near the river in Dauphin county, and when its owner died, the estate was sold. Mr. Meckley and his brother-in-law purchased the farm, which consisted of 187 acres. They cultivated this place until 1866, when Mr. Meckley sold out his interest, and bought a second farm, engaging in its cultivation until 1880. That year he removed to Elizabethtown, and gave up active farming operations.

Mr. Meckley is an enterprising and progressive citizen of the community, and has taken an active and intelligent interest in local affairs. For many years he was treasurer of the town council, and served in that capacity until 1898. Both he and his wife are members of the Brinzerites Church, and in political affairs he is a Republican. Mr. Meckley is a stockholder in the Axle Works, and was instrumental in securing their location. He is a prosperous and much respected citizen of the community, and richly deserves whatever respect and good fortune have come to him in his latter days.

**CHRISTIAN HUBER**, one of the prominent and well-known farmers of West Lampeter township, belongs to an old and respected family of Lancaster county. The farm occupied by Christian Huber is one of the model ones of the township, located one mile southeast of Lampeter, and contains ninety-one acres of some of the best land in this section.

Christian Huber is a son of Christian and Annie

(Hornish) Huber, both of these names being well and favorably known throughout this part of the State, and was born Feb. 27, 1858. His education was received in the excellent public schools, after which he remained on the home farm until his marriage, in 1884, at which time he removed to his present place. At that time it consisted of eighty-eight acres, and was in need of many improvements, all of which our subject has taken no little pains and expense to remedy, and now, with an additional three acres and the erection of good buildings and capacious tobacco warehouses, he has one of the finest farms to be found in this locality. A general line of farming is carried on, and modern methods have been introduced to a larger degree than by any other farmer of this neighborhood. In 1900 he had a complete system of electric lighting introduced into all the buildings connected with his place, this being an innovation that certainly will result in advantage to its progressive owner.

Christian Huber was married Jan. 20, 1884, to Elizabeth Lefever, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Kendig) Lefever, who was born in Lampeter, May 24, 1860, and to this union four children have been born: Katie, Annie, Daisy and Henry. In his political connection Christian Huber has been a staunch Republican, but has never sought or consented to hold office. In the Old Mennonite Church he has ever been a member of good standing, and has reared his family in the same pious way. The family is of the highest respectability and possesses the esteem of all.

**HON. DAVID McMULLEN**, ex-judge of the courts of Lancaster county, is one of the most popular counsellors in the county, where his distinguished legal abilities have long since commanded a wide and generous recognition.

William McMullen, the grandfather of David, came to America from Belfast, Ireland, and made his home in Earl township, Lancaster county. A weaver by occupation, he found his work popular, for the farmers were then great growers of flax. After a time he removed to Pennville, Elizabeth township, where he continued his weaving until his death.

James McMullen, the father of the Judge, was a contracting carpenter, and he married Elizabeth Sheetz, a daughter of Jacob Sheetz, then living at what is now known as Halfville, Elizabeth township, Lancaster county. Three of the four children born to this union are now living: Susan, wife of William Yeagley, a farmer of Cornwall township, Lebanon county; Hon. David, of Lancaster; and Edward, a farmer of Penn township. Catherine, the oldest child, married Abraham Kauffman, of Penn township, and is deceased.

Hon. David McMullen was born near Mt. Hope, Lancaster county, Oct. 20, 1844, and had his education in the public schools of the county, in Yeates Institute, in the Vermont Episcopal School at Burlington, Vt., and at the State Normal School at Mil-





lersville, from which he was graduated in 1868. For two years, after his graduation he taught school, and then began the study of law, reading under the supervision of Hugh C. Graham, of Oil City, where he was engaged as a teacher until the fall of 1869. The following spring he entered the office of the late S. H. Reynolds, of Lancaster, and there continued his studies until he was admitted to the Bar in December, 1871, being admitted to the supreme court in due time, and he at once entered upon a lucrative and growing business.

A Democrat in political faith, Judge McMullen was elected to the common branch of the city councils, from the second ward, and has been a member of the school board since 1889. In 1890 he was elected its president, and has since been re-elected to the chair. Mr. McMullen was appointed by Gov. Pattison in March, 1892, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Patterson, the term expiring the following year. Judge McMullen was nominated by the Democrats, and supported by a leading Republican paper of Lancaster, made a magnificent run in this the "banner Republican county" of the State. It was the most remarkable vote ever polled by a Democrat in Lancaster county.

Judge McMullen is a member of St. James Episcopal Church, where he has been a vestryman for a number of years, and he has acted as treasurer of the parish since 1877. He is a trustee of Yeates Institute, and a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Millersville. Since the inception of the General Hospital of Lancaster, he has been president of its board of trustees. Mr. McMullen belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and the A. O. U. W. He was favorite counsel to the late Miss Catherine Long, who gave \$300,000 for a home for indigent unmarried women and the establishment of a city park, and he is counsel for the executors of her will.

Judge McMullen was married to Miss Susan E., a daughter of the late Peter E. Lightner, a farmer, whose fine country home was just beyond the western limits of Lancaster. To this marriage were born two children: Mary R., wife of T. William Benner, of Lancaster; and Emily S., the wife of Dr. Samuel Heller, a practicing physician of this city. Judge McMullen occupies a prominent place in the legal profession, and his kindly nature and magnetic personality make him welcome in all circles, regardless of political bias.

**RUDOLPH S. HERR.** The Herr family is one of the old and most respected ones of Lancaster county, and members have been long prominent both in the religious as well as the agricultural affairs of this part of the Keystone State.

David Herr, the father of Rudolph S. Herr, was born in this county where he passed his whole life, quietly pursuing the avocations of a husbandman, and by precept and example demonstrating his fitness for the position of deacon in the Old Mennonite

Church, which honorable office he held for a long period. David Herr married Miss Susan Schenck, and they became the parents of nine children, these being Rev. Christian, a good and holy man, now deceased, a faithful minister in the faith of the Old Mennonite Church; Susan, deceased, who was the wife of John Charles; David, who is a retired farmer of Manor township; Henry, deceased, who was a farmer of Lancaster township; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Landis, a miller of Manor township; Rudolph S., the subject of this biography; Daniel, who is a retired farmer of Penn township; Abram, who is a farmer on the old homestead, in Lancaster township; and Mary, who is the widow of Philip Bausman.

Rudolph S. Herr was born in Lancaster township Feb. 17, 1827, and he was reared a farmer boy. His education was acquired in the common schools of his locality, and later, with his manly strength and energy, he began his farming operations, his field of work being the estate upon which he has ever since resided. In 1899 he permitted the management to fall upon younger shoulders, living somewhat retired since that date. Although a very thorough agriculturist, Mr. Herr had time and ability to enter into other enterprises, also. In 1890 Mr. Herr established a large ice plant on his farm, and very soon, with the assistance of his sons, a large business was built up in this desirable commodity, but in 1900 it was bought by the ice trust. Mr. Herr has also engaged considerably in the handling of real estate, and is probably better posted on the values of country property through this State than any other citizen. In politics he has always been a member of the Republican party, and has served for an extended period as school director.

The marriage of Mr. Herr was to Miss Magdeline Landis, who was a daughter of John and Annie Landis, and to this union were born twelve children, six of whom died in childhood, the survivors being: Lizzie L., at home; John, a farmer; Rudolph L., a farmer in Manor township; Christian, a farmer of Lancaster township; Jacob, one of the partners in the ice business; and Magdeline, the wife of Henry Harnish, of Pequea township. The farm at the old homestead is managed by Mr. Herr's son, John, a very capable and reliable young man.

Mr. Herr is widely known and universally respected. Few men in this locality have been more prominently identified with progressive enterprises beneficial to the community. His membership in the Old Mennonite Church has existed since his early days. As citizen, friend and neighbor Mr. Herr enjoys the respect of every one.

**THOMAS BENTON HAMBLETON.** Prominent among the honorable and thrifty citizens of Drumore township, few are more highly esteemed than Thomas Benton Hambleton, who is a merchant and the popular postmaster at Fernglan. He was born Jan. 4, 1836, in Fulton township, a son of Elias



and Martha (Kinsey) Hambleton, the latter being a native of Drumore township.

James Hambleton, the great-grandfather of Thomas B. Hambleton, came to America from England and settled in early days in Bucks county, Pa., and his son, James, became the progenitor of a numerous family which has settled in many States.

Elias Hambleton, the father of Thomas B., was a son of James and Hannah Hambleton, of Drumore township, born in 1801. He died in Drumore township, in 1872. On Oct. 29, 1829, he was married to Miss Martha Kinsey, of McConnelsville, Morgan Co., Ohio, who was born May 12, 1805, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Kinsey; she died Sept. 5, 1880. The children born to this marriage numbered eleven, as follows: Joseph P., who was a farmer of Drumore township; Margaret Ann, widow of William McLaughlin, of Martie township, now of Drumore township; Benjamin K., a carpenter in Martie township; Thomas Benton, subject of this sketch; Walter F., deceased; Miss Mary E., who resided at Fairfield, Pa., until her death, Oct. 20, 1901; James, who died young; Hannah, who is also deceased; Elias H., of Drumore township; Rankin G., of Fulton township; and Albert, of Kansas.

Thomas Benton Hambleton was reared on his father's farm and received exceptional educational advantages, beginning in the common schools of his district, then entered the Chestnut Level Academy and later the Millersville Normal School, after which he entered upon the profession of teaching, and very successfully followed it for a period covering several years.

Among the earliest of the enthusiastic and loyal citizens who responded in 1861 to the call for defenders of the country was Thomas B. Hambleton, who volunteered on Sept. 30th of that year, becoming a member of Co. E, 79th P. V. I., under Capt. M. D. Wickersham and Col. H. A. Hambright. They were assigned to the 14th Army Corps, which was under the command of the venerated Gen. George H. Thomas. Mr. Hambleton saw much hard service, taking part in many engagements. On May 29, 1862, Gen. James S. Negley commanded an expedition in front of Chattanooga, Tenn., of which Col. H. A. Hambright, of the 79th P. V. I., had command of the troops immediately in front of the city on June 7 and 8. The expedition started from Columbia, Tenn., May 29th, and after a march of over 192 miles reached the heights opposite Chattanooga—the first Union troops ever in front of the city—in the afternoon of June 7, 1862. This feat preceded the battle of Perryville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862, in which the 79th Pennsylvania lost thirty-seven per cent. of those engaged. Other engagements in which Mr. Hambleton participated with his regiment were: the battle of Stone River; Hoover's Gap, Tenn.; Tallahoma; Chickamauga; in the skirmishes around Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge; then on toward

Atlanta, where the troops were continually exposed; with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea. Later his regiment went up through the Carolinas, thence on to Richmond, and to Washington, where Mr. Hambleton took part in that memorable review which still stirs the hearts of all who witnessed it and felt its significance. In that city our subject was honorably discharged July 12, 1865. Although not entirely disabled, Mr. Hambleton did not escape all injury, having been badly wounded at Hoover's Gap, Tenn., and was also slightly wounded in the knee at Chickamauga.

After the close of the war Mr. Hambleton returned home and as soon as he could rearrange his life to peaceful pursuits again he found his old patrons awaiting him, and he took up his old profession. In 1871 he came to Fernglan and opened up a mercantile business which has proved eminently successful, owing to his upright business methods and his willingness to cater to the reasonable wishes of his patrons. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster, and is the only one ever located in Fernglan, giving perfect satisfaction to all concerned.

On Oct. 19, 1871, Thomas B. Hambleton was married to Miss Mary E. Lamborn, of Martie township, who was born June 22, 1840, daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, the former of whom was a son of George Lamborn, who reared a large family in Chester county, and was a leading member of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Hambleton was one of a family of eleven children, namely: George S., who is a farmer of Martie township; Aquilla B., of Little Britain township; Emeline, who was the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, deceased; Elwood; William Lewis; Mary Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Sarah Ellen, wife of Jacob K. Brown, a farmer of Fulton township, of whom more extended mention can be found elsewhere; Alice A., wife of William L. Shoemaker, a thrifty farmer, of whom more extended notice is given elsewhere; Frisella, who died young; Lucinda, wife of B. F. Tennis, of Drumore township; and Lydia, wife of Amos P. Smith, of whom extended mention is made in another place.

Mr. Hambleton is one of the leading citizens of this locality, and is especially noted for his uprightness of life and most estimable character. He has been a life-long Republican and carries out in his life the simplicity of the Quaker belief. In his business he is alert and energetic, but thoroughly honest and reliable. He owns a most comfortable dwelling, a fine stock of goods, with large warehouse, and considerable property, all of which has been acquired by legitimate methods. Mr. Hambleton is a member of Post No. 566, G. A. R., and is the secretary of Co. E, 79th P. V. I., which meets annually for a three-days encampment. He has in his possession a most interesting diary which he kept of his life during the Civil war, giving an account of each day's proceedings during his nearly





four years of continuous service. He is also the possessor of a very large library; many books of very valuable research, among them being fifteen volumes of The Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge. He has revisited many of the sanguinary battlefields in Tennessee and Georgia since the war, and has in his possession many relics of those hard-fought contests.

MICHAEL B. MUSSER, a retired farmer of the township of East Donegal, and a man whose character and standing are the very highest among those who know him best, was born in West Donegal township, Aug. 15, 1831, a son of Benjamin E. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Musser, born in East Donegal and Mt. Joy townships, respectively.

Benjamin E. Musser was born Aug. 14, 1810, and was accidentally killed in Herington, Kan., Sept. 23, 1884. He was in Kansas buying property, and was accompanied by his sons, Henry and Michael B. They had driven into the country to complete the purchase of a section of land, had accomplished their purpose, and were returning to town, when they drove through a ravine, and the occupants were thrown out of the wagon, Michael B., falling first but escaping serious injury. The father received such injuries that he died very shortly after being taken up. The body was brought back to Pennsylvania, and was buried in the Brethren in Christ Cemetery in East Donegal township. Mr. Musser belonged to the River Brethren Church, and possessed considerable property in his old age, being able to retire from active work in 1862. His wife, Elizabeth Brenner, died May 25, 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years. To Benjamin E. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Musser were born the following children: Mary, who married Jacob Flory, and lives in Ohio; Michael B.; John, who died in Kansas; Susie, who married Jacob Musser, now deceased; Benjamin, a minister in Franklin county, Pa.; Henry, of Florin; Martha, wife of Daniel Heisey; Annie, who married Rev. John Kuntz, of Union Deposit; and Amos, of Harrisburg, Pa., a deacon in the Messiah Home, which he helped to organize.

The paternal grandparents of Michael B. Musser were Henry and Mary (Engle) Musser, both natives of Donegal township, where they were honest farming people. Mr. Musser died a young man, and his widow married Jacob Hershey for her second husband, by whom she had no children. To her first husband she bore the following children: Benjamin; Susannah, who married John Gish, who was a Bishop of the River Brethren Church; Martha, wife of Michael Hoffman; and Anna M., the wife of Jacob Engle.

The maternal grandparents of Michael B. Musser were Philip and Anna M. (Singhaus) Brenner. Mr. Brenner was born Nov. 11, 1752, and died July 1, 1836. Both he and his wife were natives of Lancaster county, and were buried in the Cross Roads Cemetery, township of East Donegal. The maternal

great-grandparents of Mr. Musser were Michael and Susannah (Hoffman) Brenner, who lived and died in Lancaster county, and were buried in the Kraybill Meeting House Cemetery, in East Donegal township.

Michael B. Musser was married in West Hempfield township, to Catharine Musser, and there were born to this union four children, Elizabeth M., wife of Rev. A. Z. Hess, of the township of East Donegal; Eli M.; Anna, wife of Benjamin Nissley; and Martha, wife of Hiram Wolgemuth, of East Donegal township.

Mrs. Catharine Musser was born in West Hempfield township, Nov. 13, 1832, a daughter of Christ and Catherine (Newcomer) Musser. Her father was a farmer of Lancaster county, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. Her mother reached the same age, and both were buried on the farm. They were members of the York Brethren Church. Their children were: Anna, widow of Christ Sheetz, of Rapho township; Miss Barbara, living on the old farm, as does also her sister, Miss Mary; Catharine; Christ, a farmer in West Hempfield township; John, also a West Hempfield farmer; Tobias, a farmer in Rapho township; Joseph, a farmer in the township of Rapho; and Martha, deceased.

Mr. Musser has been on the farm where he is now living since the age of eleven years, and is a man of most industrious and exemplary habits. As a member of the Cross Roads River Brethren Church, his life is squared by his faith to an uncommon extent, and the esteem in which his associates hold him is attested by the fact that he has been deacon of the church for twenty years. In local affairs he is a very prominent man, and may be fairly called one of the representative men of the township.

ELI M. MUSSER (deceased), only son of Michael B. Musser, was born July 29, 1859, on the farm where he died in December, 1896. His remains were buried in the Cross Roads River Brethren Church Cemetery. He was married in Nov., 1880, in Mt. Joy township, to Mary Wolgemuth, by whom he became the father of the following children: Irvin W., who remains at home and cultivates the family estate with a skilled and workmanlike manner, rarely found in so young a man; and Anna W., Katie W., Mary W., Barbara W., and Martha W., all at home. Mrs. Mary (Wolgemuth) Musser was born in Mt. Joy township, a daughter of Rev. Joseph and Barbara (Nissley) Wolgemuth, both of whom died in Mt. Joy township, the father in December, 1884, at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother in March, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were members of the River Brethren Church, of which he was a preacher fifteen years. Born to this union were: Daniel, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Martin, a retired farmer of West Donegal township; Anna, wife of Levi Mumma, living on the old homestead; Aaron who died young; and Mary. The paternal grand-





parents of Mrs. Eli Musser were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, both natives of Lancaster county, who lived and died in the township of Mt. Joy. Her maternal grandparents were Martin and Lizzie (Hershey) Nissley, who spent their lives in Lancaster county.

Eli M. Musser was a member of the River Brethren Church, and had served as a deacon in that communion two years at the time of his death. Mr. Musser was one of the prominent people of the township, and displayed those manly qualities so well worthy of commemoration.

**JOHN N. WOODS.** The Woods and the McCausland families, from whom descended John N. Woods, of Salisbury township, were among the early settlers of Lancaster county. Two brothers, Thomas and Adam Woods, emigrated to America and located in Lancaster county, Pa., in Leacock township, near Intercourse, about 1743, the McCausland emigrants having come some time early in the eighteenth century. Thomas married Mary Scott, from near Conestoga Creek, and Adam married Margaret Montgomery. The latter had no children, but Thomas reared nine of the twelve born to him. All of his daughters married in other localities. One son, Adam, left home and located in Kentucky where he amassed a fortune, but never married. David, the eldest son of Thomas Woods, married Ann McCausland, and they became the grandparents of John N. Woods.

William McCausland, grandfather of the wife of David Woods, married Jane Burney, a native of Ireland who inherited land in the northern part of that country, and they emigrated to America on account of religious persecution. They brought with them six of their children, leaving the eldest son, John, to finish his apprenticeship to the wheelwright trade. The second son was Alexander, and soon after reaching this country, he was placed by his parents in the classical school kept by Dr. Allison, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, located on Washington Square. Later Alexander McCausland became a well-known physician, and married Dr. Allison's daughter.

John N. Woods, a retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Gap, Pa., is a worthy representative of these fine, sturdy, self-respecting old families. He was born Oct. 15, 1839, in Leacock township, a son of T. Scott and Caroline (Cooper) Woods, the latter of whom was born on the farm now occupied by Scott Woods, Jr., but owned by our subject. This farm was bought in 1741 from William Penn, by John Cooper, and inherited from him by his son Col. John Cooper, who at his death left it to his son, also named John, who was the father of Mrs. Caroline (Cooper) Woods. Upon the death of John Cooper, in 1844, the farm passed out of the name of Cooper through its inheritance by Mrs. Woods. From Mrs. Woods it came into the possession of her son, John N. Woods,

whose desire is to have it remain in the family through his sons and their descendants. By marriage Mr. Woods' family is connected with Colonel David Watson, a Revolutionary soldier of distinction, through whom Miss Grace, daughter of our subject, is a member of Donegal Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution.

T. Scott Woods, the father of John N., was not only a well-known and substantial farmer in Paradise township, but was one of the leading citizens of the county. He was one of the founders and also a director of the First National Bank of Lancaster, held all of the township offices of note, and for two terms was the efficient director of the County Poor Farm. He died in 1874, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, Caroline Cooper, had preceded him, in 1843, at the age of forty-three years, and both were buried in the cemetery attached to the old Leacock Presbyterian Church, of which religious body they had been consistent members. Their children were as follows: David, who was killed in 1875, in a railroad wreck; John N., of this sketch; and N. Milton, who is a resident of Paradise township and president of the First National Bank, of Lancaster.

John N. Woods was raised on his father's farm, and like all farmers' sons of that day and generation was taught that labor was as honorable as it was necessary. He attended the district schools in his neighborhood for a time, and was then sent to a school in Lintz taught by Mr. John Beck. This was followed by a course in the Mt. Joy Academy, after which he finished his education in Benjamin Halliwell's Academy, in Alexandria, Va. After his marriage he continued to engage in farming, following an agricultural life until 1899, when he retired from business activity and removed to his pleasant home in Gap. Mr. Woods has very efficiently filled a number of important township and county positions. For one term he was Prison Inspector, and has served a long period as school director. For thirty years he has been a director in the Lancaster Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and for ten years has been its president. In politics he has been a life-long Republican.

In January, 1862, Mr. Woods was united in marriage to Miss Susan Eckert, in Paradise township, and a family of seven children has been born to them: George M., a farmer in Leacock township, married Jane Kinzer, and they have children as follows: Jean K., Esther, Catherine, John and George B.; Caroline C. married Herbert Brinton, now retired and residing in Elwyn, Delaware county, and they have two children, Charles W. and Helen W.; Mary married Samuel McCausland, a commission merchant in Chicago, Ill., and they have two children, John W. and Catherine; Sarah died at the age of five years; Miss Elizabeth E. and Miss Grace reside at home; and T. Scott, who resides in Leacock township, married Mabel Showalter, and they have one child, Elizabeth. Both Mr. Woods and



wife are valued members of the Presbyterian Church in which he has been a trustee for many years.

Mrs. Susan (Eckert) Woods was born in Paradise township, in March, 1838, daughter of Lewis and Sarah J. (Slaymaker) Eckert, the former of whom was a miller who lived on Pequea Creek, in Paradise township. He died in 1868, at the age of sixty-two years, a highly respected man and a leading member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother of Mrs. Woods died in 1874, in Lancaster, aged sixty-five years, and both parents were buried in the old Leacock Church cemetery. They had the following children: George, deceased; Mary J., married to William Holzworth; John Howard, a commission merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio; Susan C., wife of John N. Woods; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Albert Carpenter, an attorney; Albert, Nathan and Lovinia, deceased; and Charles W., a merchant in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Woods belong to a pleasant social circle in Gap, where they are most highly esteemed. Time has dealt very kindly with them, and they still enjoy offering a generous hospitality to relatives and friends, of whom they have a great number.

JOSEPH HAEFNER, proprietor of the Empire Brewery, one of the largest enterprises of the kind in Lancaster, is a native of Germany, born in Ganstadt bei Bamberg, Sept. 3, 1848, son of John B. and Barbara (Stall) Haefer.

John B. Haefer, father of Joseph Haefer, was also a native of Germany, and for twenty years conducted a brewery in his native country, doing a large business and performing the duties of a prominent citizen. His death took place in 1890, when he was aged seventy-eight years. His wife died in 1893, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were worthy members of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Haefer had the following children: John B. (deceased) also followed the brewing business; Peter resides in Germany and follows the butcher business; Joseph is mentioned below; Lizzie married Gottlieb Smith, a farmer in Montgomery county, Pa.; Anna married William Kurtz, who conducts a hotel in Lancaster; Lena married Lawrence Rateline, a farmer in Germany.

Joseph Haefer learned his trade in Germany with his father, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age, then securing work in other breweries, where he continued until coming to America, in 1872. For two years he was employed in Rupert's brewery, in New York, going then to Union Hill, N. J., where he remained one year. Coming to Lancaster, he served one year in Henry Frank's brewery, and then went to Reading, where his knowledge of the business secured him a good position with Fred. Lauer, with whom he remained six years. Mr. Haefer then went to Pottsville, and in partnership with Peter Lauer and Lawrence Smith operated the Archard brewery for two years, and then for about five years was

in Philadelphia. In 1886 Mr. Haefer returned to Lancaster and bought of Florence Knapp his present plant, which he has enlarged to thrice its original dimensions, and has more than trebled its producing capacity. This immense plant covers at present a half acre of ground and gives employment to twenty men. It is fitted with all modern improvements and is the only brewery in the locality which manufactures its own ice. This business was established in 1868 by Lawrence Knapp, and since Mr. Haefer became its proprietor has grown in importance until it ranks with the leading industries of the city.

Mr. Haefer is independent in politics. He takes a deep interest in everything looking to the advancement of the community, and votes for those whom he deems will best carry out his ideas. Fraternally he belongs to the B. P. O. E. and the Brewers' Association. In person Mr. Haefer exemplifies the best class of prosperous German-American citizens. Genial, pleasant, liberal in his benefactions and charitable to the poor, he has many in Lancaster who delight to call him friend. He has won his way to success through his own efforts, and well deserves the good fortune which has attended him.

In 1874, in Lancaster, Mr. Haefer was united in marriage to Margaret Fisher, daughter of Raphael Fisher, who operated a hotel in Lancaster for a number of years. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife died in 1894. They were members of the Catholic Church, and were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haefer: Mary, who died at the age of four years; Miss Elizabeth, at home; and Anna, Joseph, Catherine, Lauer and Margaret. Mr. Haefer built his present fine home, opposite his place of business, in 1860.

LEVI HAVERSTICK, of Washington borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Jan. 13, 1824, and descends from one of the oldest German families of this county, a brief record of whom is given in the following paragraphs.

The great-grandfather of Levi was the first of the Haverstick family to come to America, and on arriving in Lancaster county, Pa., his only worldly property, as tradition has it, was an ax. His home was established on the banks of the Conestoga river, about two miles southwest of the now city of Lancaster, and there he passed the remainder of his life.

Jacob Haverstick, the son of the aforesaid emigrant and grandfather of Levi, was reared on his father's Conestoga farm, to which he became the heir. He added to it several other tracts of land, which he placed under cultivation, and became one of the wealthiest farmers of his township. Jacob reared a family of six children, of whom the eldest, Abraham, succeeded to the Conestoga homestead; John became the father of Levi, whose name opens this sketch;







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Jacob passed his life on the old homestead; David was a hotel-keeper and died in Lancaster city; and of his two daughters one married a man named Herr and went to live in Ohio, and the other became Mrs. Shenk, and passed her life in Lancaster county, Pa. In religion the family were Lutherans.

John Haverstick, father of Levi, was born on the old homestead in 1798, where he rendered faithful service to his father until his marriage with Magdelina Neff, who was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1799. Shortly after this happy ceremony John's father presented him with a farm west of the Conestoga, where he lived the greater part of his active life, but later moved to the north of Lancaster city. To his marriage were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy; the six who reached mature years were Henry, born Jan. 18, 1818, was a farmer in Manheim township, and died in May, 1900; Jacob, born in January, 1822, is also deceased; Levi is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch; John N. died on the old homestead; Abraham resides at Neffsville, and Elizabeth, the widow of a Mr. Hawenstein, resides near Mount Joy. John Haverstick, the father of this family, died in 1883, and the mother, Magdelina, died at the advanced age of ninety-four years, in 1893. John Haverstick was a most public-spirited man and held many township offices, being very popular in his day as a Whig, and in 1840 was inspector of election in the courthouse, Center Square, Lancaster city. In early life he was a member of the Lutheran Church, but he died a Mennonite.

Levi Haverstick was reared to manhood on the home farm at Wabank, and his early education was acquired in an old fashioned school house, where he learned his letters by tracing them in sand on a shelf attached to the wall, instead of a slate, or paper and pencil; on a desk his next instruction in writing was with a goose-quill pen and ink. Later, being an apt lad, he learned the German and English languages to perfection, and thus thoroughly prepared himself for the business of life. Levi remained at home until 1846, when he was married, and the following year settled on his farm in Manor township, which farm comprised 100 acres, and which he properly cultivated until 1881, when he retired from active agricultural work, and in 1896 erected his present elegant residence.

In 1881, Levi Haverstick associated himself with L. J. Schofield, with whom for one year he was engaged in the lumber business, but in 1882 he assumed full personal control. In 1890 coal was added to this business, besides which he holds considerable stock in the First National Bank of Columbia.

The marriage of Levi Haverstick took place in 1846, to Catherine Hostetter, a native of Donegal township, who was born in 1826, and who died in 1881.

To this happy union were born eight children that grew to maturity, viz.: Christian H., a farmer; Levi, who has passed away, leaving a wife and family; Kate, who died in February, 1896; John,

a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, wife of Lemuel Swarr, a farmer of Mount Joy; Emma, wife of Cephas Hostetter, a farmer of near Manheim borough; Henry H., a farmer of Manor township; and Mattie, at home.

Levi Haverstick has been a member of the Mennonite Church for many years, and has so lived as to win the esteem of all who know him; is a public-spirited and broad-minded citizen, and has a large circle of truly warm-hearted friends. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He is a natural mechanic, and is possessed of much inventive genius. As a boy he made many useful and peculiar contrivances, among them being a sled to run on the ice by turning a wheel; the first hay slats, now in general use; an improvement in grain drills; the first roller mill that chopped corn; made a portable engine to propel itself; and he also invented an improvement in a reaper attachment, and a device for unloading hay by horse power. He made a grist and saw mill on the farm which he engineered and planned himself. His mother often said Levi was born in the sign "beginning much and accomplishing little."

ABRAM SUMMY, who died at his home April 12, 1902, was a well known coal merchant of Marietta. He was born Nov. 7, 1827, on the farm now owned by Charles A. Fondersmith, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., a son of John and Susannah (Hostetter) Summy, natives of the same township.

John Summy was born Jan. 15, 1796, of French extraction, and in that language the name was spelled Somme. John Summy was a farmer by calling, and at the age of thirty years was ordained a minister in the Mennonite Church. He married Susannah Hostetter May 4, 1815, and died on his homestead in May, 1835. Mrs. Susannah Summy was born Feb. 27, 1797, and died in Mount Joy, Pa., in 1874. To their marriage were born seven children, namely: Jacob H., who died in Illinois; John H., who died in East Donegal township; Peter H., who died in Lancaster; Maria, who married Abram B. Landis, and she and her husband died in Mount Joy; Abram; Aaron H., a farmer in Manheim township; and David C., killed on a railroad in 1852.

Peter and Barbara (Long) Summy, paternal grandparents of Abram, were natives of Earl and Rapho townships, respectively, but died on their farm in East Hempfield township, in which Peter Summy had held most of the offices. The great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Shirk) Summy, moved from Earl township to East Hempfield township, purchased 250 acres of land, and there passed the remainder of their lives. The first of the Summy family to come to America was Hans Peter Summy, a Palatinate Mennonite minister, but a native of Switzerland. He was the great-great-grandfather of Abram Summy, and being exiled, sailed in company with his wife and sons, Hans Jacob and





Hans Peter, Jr., and with Otto Fritz and Johannes and Hans Michael, from Rotterdam, Holland, in the brigantine "Richmond and Elizabeth," via Plymouth, England, and landed in Philadelphia, in 1733, but settled in Earl township, Lancaster county, in 1734.

The maternal ancestors of Abram Summy were of noble extraction, and the original family name was Von Hostetter. The great-great-grandfather of Abram Summy was Jacob Hostetter, also a Mennonite minister, who came to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1712, purchased 450 acres of land in Penn's Manor, and was among the first of the Mennonites to settle here. The maternal great-grandparents, Abraham and Catherine (Long) Hostetter, and the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Barbara (Funk) Hostetter, were all born in Lancaster county.

Abram Summy lived on the home farm until seventeen years of age, and then served an apprenticeship at coachmaking, a trade he followed for eight years. He next formed a partnership with his brother Aaron H., in the coal and lumber trade, but two years later sold his interest to his brother and went to Freeport, Ill., where he was employed by his cousin, William Haldeman, as bookkeeper and grain purchaser for his mill. Three years later he returned to Marietta and purchased from his brother, in 1850, the original coal and lumber business, afterward disposing of the lumber, but continuing in the coal trade to the time of his death.

On July 15, 1862, Mr. Summy married in East Donegal township Miss Elizabeth Stauffer, and to this union were born two children: Mary, still under the parental roof; and John Logan, teller in the Northern Bank at Lancaster. Mrs. Elizabeth (Stauffer) Summy was born in East Donegal township Feb. 19, 1841, a daughter of John and Martha (Hostetter) Stauffer, natives of Strasburg and Penn township, Lancaster county. John Stauffer was a miller in East Donegal township many years, but in 1865 retired and came to Marietta to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Summy, and here passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife died in East Donegal township, in 1860, when forty-six years old. They were members of the Presbyterian and Mennonite Churches, respectively. Two children were born of their marriage: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Summy; and David H., deceased. The paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Summy was John Stauffer, and the grandfather, also named John, was a farmer, and both were natives of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Hostetter, of whom the former was a Mennonite bishop, and died at the age of ninety-one years. His father, also named Jacob, settled in Penn township, Lancaster county, in 1712.

Abram Summy was a Republican in politics, and served as a member of the school board for twenty-two years, and as county commissioner one term, 1881-1884. He was county recorder in 1806-97-98, and was councilman one year. He was a devout

member of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of both lodge and chapter F. & A. M. As a citizen he was highly respected, and as a business man and county official his name stood without a blemish.

**SAMUEL S. SNYDER**, one of the prominent residents of Hinkletown, Lancaster county, was born in Earl township, May 2, 1850, a son of John K. and Maria (Sensenig) Snyder, the former of whom is still living, but the latter passed to her rest April 6, 1876.

John K. Snyder was born Oct. 17, 1820, in Ephrata township, and now makes his home in Hinkletown. The Snyders have long been residents of Lancaster county, and throughout many generations have sustained a good name, to which no discredit has been done by father or son, mentioned herewith. The great-grandfather of John K. bore a valiant part in the War of the Revolution, and proved his devotion to liberty on many a bloody battle field. His home was in Maryland. John Snyder, the grandfather of John K., had his home in Ephrata township for many years where he attained the age of seventy-five. He was a farmer, and married Catherine Kilian, and to them were born sixteen children, fourteen of whom lived to maturity, but only one of whom is still living. They were members of the Reformed Church.

Samuel Snyder, the father of John K., was born in Ephrata township, where he was reared and married, following at first the career of a laborer, but presently becoming a tenant farmer, and settled first in Ephrata township, and afterward in West Earl, his last days passing in Earl township. He married Miss Barbara Keesey, a daughter of Noah Keesey, a manager in the Elizabeth Furnace. Mrs. Snyder was born in Elizabeth township, where she died Feb. 24, 1861, at the age of fifty-three. The father died Jan. 14, 1856, at the age of fifty-four years. They had four children: John K.; Samuel K., a resident of Ephrata, and now retired; Henry K., a prominent man, and at one time deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, and a tax collector in Lancaster, where he lived; and Catherine, who married Levi Sensenig, of Lancaster, and is deceased.

John K. Snyder was reared on the family homestead, and received his education in the Ephrata local schools. When he was of age he applied himself to the carpenter trade, at which he worked some seven years. At the end of that time he began farming on a rented place in the township of Ephrata. After one year at this he went to a small farm in Earl township, which he had bought near Hinkletown, where he made his home for twelve years, at the end of that time purchasing a farm of sixty-two acres from D. E. Heister, on which he has since lived. In all he owns ninety-nine acres, all his land being contiguous, and on which he has three sets of buildings. Mr. Snyder has in his active days proved himself one of the industrious, honest and thoroughly reliable men of the county, a reputation he





is never lost. John K. Snyder was married in 1857 to Miss Maria Sensenig, by whom he became the father of four children who outlived their mother, and of two who died in early life: Samuel S., of Hinkletown, whose name introduces this article; Aaron S., a farmer near Vogansville; David S., who died March 12, 1895, left a widow, Barbara H. Erb, of Penn township, and three children, Barbara, Lillian and Jacob; Henry S., a farmer, engaged on the old homestead, who married Emma Nolt, and is the father of two children, Josie and Harry. Mr. Snyder married for his second wife, Elizabeth Burkholder, who died May 23, 1895, at the age of sixty-two years. John K. Snyder is a member of the Old Menomonee Church.

Samuel S. Snyder was reared in his native community, and received his education in the public schools. When he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account. He was married Dec. 26, 1883, to Miss Rachel Lucetta Seldomridge, who was born June 11, 1864, a daughter of Jacob G. Seldomridge, of New Holland. After they were married, the young couple moved to Lancaster, where Mr. Snyder was employed one year at the stock yards. At the end of this period, Mr. Snyder came back to Earl township, and locating his family on one of the farms belonging to his father, began its cultivation. This farm was situated one mile south of Hinkletown. This farm contained seventy-six acres, and he spent two years on it, then moving to his present place in Hinkletown, where he has thirty-five acres, and carries on general farming. During the winter he buys hides and other tannin products. Mr. Snyder is one of the spirited and intelligent young men of this county, and takes a deep interest in everything that looks to the public good. In his politics he is a Republican, and has filled the offices of judge and inspector of elections for two years, and 1897 he collected the outstanding school tax in Earl township. He and his wife have one child, Earl J., born Aug. 1, 1900.

JOSEPH GIBBONS, M. D., deceased. In the death of Dr. Joseph Gibbons, which sad event took place Dec. 9, 1883, Lancaster county lost not only a physician who adorned the profession, but also a citizen of unquestioned integrity and scholarly pre-eminence, and a reformer of unselfish heart, with courage of the truest temper.

Dr. Gibbons was born Aug. 14, 1818, and after a long and useful life was reverently laid to rest in the Old Friends' meeting-house yard, in Bird-in-Hand. His parents were Daniel (a son of James and Deborah (Hoopes) Gibbons) and Hannah (Wiernan) Gibbons. His father was born on the banks of the stream near which James Gibbons erected the mill still standing, which was for many years known by the name of Gibbons' Mill. Daniel Gibbons was a tanner by trade. All Friends' children at that time, in the eighteenth century, were given trades, but Daniel Gibbons preferred farm-

ing, having inherited a large farm from his father, a part of the original tract deeded to his grandfather by John, Richard and Thomas Penn, about 1737. In 1815 he built the present family residence. Although a man of standing in the community, identified with all of the philanthropic movements of his time, he lived a quiet unostentatious life, following out the lines laid down by his peaceful Quaker ancestors. His death occurred in 1853, at the age of seventy-eight years, his most estimable widow, who survived until 1860, dying at the age of seventy-three. During the greater part of his life Daniel Gibbons was deeply interested in the workings of the "Underground Railroad" and assisted in sheltering about a thousand slaves. After studying with Dr. Francis Burrowes, of Lancaster, Dr. Gibbons took a long course at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1845. Before he became of age he was a member of the Young Men's Anti-Slavery Society of Pennsylvania. His first vote for President and Vice-President was cast in 1844, for the candidates of the Liberty party, James G. Birney, of Alabama, and Thomas Morris, of Ohio. He practiced medicine for a few years, and then became a farmer. Besides his "Underground Railroad" work, he was a devoted adherent of the "Free Soil" (the successor of the Liberty) party, and one of the founders of the Republican party in Lancaster county. He was also deeply interested in the temperance cause. From 1861 to 1895 he was an officer in the Philadelphia Custom House. Early in 1873 he founded *The Journal*, a weekly paper devoted to the interests of the Society of Friends, of which he was owner and editor until his death. Soon after it was combined with *The Friends' Intelligencer*, of Philadelphia. Few braver, more unselfish men than Dr. Gibbons have lived.

Dr. Gibbons married Sept. 20, 1845, Phebe Earle, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hussey) Earle, of Philadelphia. Children as follows were born to this union: Marianna, born Dec. 6, 1846, was married Jan. 15, 1902, to Oram D. Brubaker, of East Lumpert township, chairman of the Prohibition county committee; Caroline, born Nov. 6, 1848, married William G. Gibbons, April 2, 1884, and died March 5, 1900, leaving one child, Wilhelmina C., who was born Jan. 27, 1887; Hannah Cornelia, born March 17, 1851, died Sept. 26, 1860; Frances, born Nov. 21, 1852, married Caleb Alfred Pusey, Feb. 14, 1874, and they have one child, Mary Hannah, who was born Aug. 19, 1876; Daniel was born Nov. 7, 1860. This brilliant young man graduated at Franklin and Marshall College June 20, 1878, and then learned the machinist's trade, with the Pusey & Jones Co., of Wilmington, the president of that company, William G. Gibbons, having married his sister Caroline. Very early in his career Mr. Gibbons became interested in journalism, and in 1884 and the two succeeding years he was assistant news editor on the *Philadelphia Times*.



He graduated in the law, at the University of Pennsylvania, in June, 1887. He was editor of the *Philadelphia Evening Herald* and the *Sunday Mercury*, and during that time was interested in municipal work and exposed certain frauds in public contracts. In February, 1889, he was a candidate for the city council on the Democratic ticket, from the Eighth ward, which was the strongest Republican ward in the city. His work on the newspapers mentioned lasted from November, 1887, to April, 1891. Later he removed to the State of Washington, becoming interested as a reporter on the *Seattle Intelligencer*, and in 1892 on the *Seattle Telegram*, with which he continued until 1894. Returning East, Mr. Gibbons accepted the position of assistant editor on the *Philadelphia Press*, during 1895-96, was associate editor of the *Syracuse, N. Y., Post-Standard* in 1898, and was connected with the *New York World*, the *New York Commercial* and the *Philadelphia Record*, until 1901. After residing for some time in the family home at Bird-in-Hand, Mr. Gibbons returned to Philadelphia, and became connected with *The Times*, since merged with *The Public Ledger*.

**JOHN FRANKLIN BECKER**, one of the leading business men and highly respected citizens of Manheim, Lancaster county, was born in Rapho township, this county, March 12, 1865, son of John B. and Catherine (Nauman) Becker, who were both killed in an accident on the Pennsylvania railroad at Lancaster, April 10, 1887. The father was born in Lebanon county, Pa., March 24, 1831, and in 1848 came to Lancaster county with his father, John Becker, who was successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery here until his death, and was then succeeded by his son Henry. His other children were Michael; Moses, deceased; Sarah, deceased wife of Jeremiah H. Obetz, of Manheim; Annie, deceased wife of Jacob K. Fisher; and Catherine, wife of Christian Shelley, both deceased.

John B. Becker was reared on a farm and worked as a farm hand by the month until seventeen years of age, when he commenced learning the blacksmith's trade, and he followed that in connection with farming during the remainder of his life. He was very successful financially, though he started out with no capital, but by his energy, economy and diligence he amassed a handsome competence. He owned and operated a farm of seventy-six acres in Rapho township, and was numbered among the progressive men of his locality, upholding and assisting all enterprises tending to advance the general welfare. As a Democrat he took an active part in local politics, and officiated as a member of the school board for some years. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, and a consistent member of the German Baptist Church. His estimable wife was born on the old Nauman homestead near Manheim, in Rapho township, June 18, 1836, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Shelley) Nauman. In

their family were six children, of whom John F. is fourth in the order of birth; Henry N. is a farmer and veterinary surgeon, living near Mastersonville; Samuel N. is a farmer and blacksmith, living on the old homestead; Phares is a physician of Mastersonville; Alfred N., who died Sept. 21, 1902, was a physician of Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; Anna Mary (twin of Alfred N.) died in infancy.

On the home farm John Franklin Becker grew to manhood, and is indebted to the public schools of the home locality for his educational privileges. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of seventeen, he commenced clerking for George H. Danner & Co., at Manheim, and remained with them seven years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with John N. Becker and embarked in general merchandising at that place. After nine and a half years of successful business in that line he sold out to his partner and engaged in the coal business, in January, 1898, succeeding Daniel W. Erb, of Manheim; he retired from that business Sept. 3, 1902. He also dealt in fertilizers and agricultural implements, and had built up quite an extensive trade, which was constantly increasing. Mr. Becker is also a director and stockholder of the Old Guard Fire & Storm Insurance Co. of Lancaster County, and is interested in real estate to a considerable extent, having erected several good residences in Manheim.

On Sept. 3, 1889, Mr. Becker was united in marriage with Miss Ella Kline, a native of Manheim, daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Mengle) Kline, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Helen, Carl and John F., Jr.

Mr. Becker has taken a very active part in political affairs, and for some years was one of the leaders in the Democratic party in his district, serving as a member of the county committee. In 1896 he cast his lot with the Republican party. He has a large following, and is quite influential in political matters. Fraternally he is a prominent member of Selah Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand; Ridgely Encampment, No. 217, is now serving as district deputy grand master of the subordinate branch of the order; and belongs to the Patriarchs Militant. He also belongs to Manheim Council, No. 154, Sr. O. U. A. M., of which he is past counselor; and is a member and past chief of Steigel Castle, No. 166, K. G. E. Mr. Becker is one of the leading members and deacon of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Manheim, and has always taken a very prominent and active part in church and Sunday-school work; he served in the position of superintendent of the Sporting Hill Union Sunday-school, a mission which was established in May, 1895, from that date until 1901. It was conducted in a public school building for a time, but after a few months the school board turned them out, owing to State legislation, and a movement was then started to erect a chapel, and by the zealous and untiring efforts of Mr. Becker a fine church edifice







John C. T. Beaker



was at length erected. He is a broad-gauged, progressive and public-spirited man, and, being a ready speaker, is often called upon to address large audiences. He has striven earnestly to advance the moral welfare of his community, and is justly numbered among its most valuable and useful citizens.

At present Mr. Becker is living retired in his comfortable mansion on South Charlotte street, one of the finest homes of the borough. He is considering several offers of incorporated companies, for though young in years his business experience is beyond the average, and he has proven by his diligence that the public had recognized real worth in him. Whatever business he shall adopt will have no cause, with his direction, to meet with any reverses owing to mismanagement.

**SQUIRE WILLIAM H. HOGG**, an old and prominent farmer of Colerain township, was born Jan. 3, 1845, on the farm where he resides to-day, a son of Robert Hogg and his wife, Rachel Swisher, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Swisher.

William and Margaret (Hunter) Hogg, grandparents of William H., were born in Ireland. For a time they lived in Strasburg township, Lancaster county. In 1818, in company with Robert Spencer, William Hogg bought the land on which William H. now lives, and the following year bought out Mr. Spencer. Here Mr. Hogg made many substantial improvements, and lived until his death in 1844. His widow survived him some years, and passed to her rest in 1858. William and Margaret Hogg had three sons and one daughter: George, Robert, William and Mary. Of these Mary married William Ferguson, and settled near Bartville, Colerain township, on a farm where both died, leaving the following family: William H., who went West; John, of Providence township, Lancaster county; Benjamin, who is deceased; Alexander M., a resident of Colerain; Abram, of Atglen, Chester county; Nathaniel B., of Philadelphia; Anna, wife of John Woodward, of Marshalltown, Chester county. George Hogg, after residing for a time on a part of the old homestead, sold out to his brothers Robert and William, and moved to Decatur county, Ind., where he followed farming; his death occurred on his Indiana farm, and he left three children, William, Anna, and Malissa, who still reside in their Indiana home. William Hogg resided on one of the properties purchased by his father, near Kirkwood, and engaged in farming, making extensive improvements; both he and his wife died after leading a useful career, and they left the following family: William, of West Grove; Howard, of Chadds Ford; Forest, of Cochranville, Chester county; George, of Colerain township; Dr. Edwin, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Jeremiah, of Reading, Pa.; John, of Kirkwood; Margaret and Martha R., of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Eliza, deceased wife of George Evans, of Chester county; Malissa, who married James W. Andrews, of Colerain, and died, leaving three children,

Albert (of Wakefield, Lancaster county), William (of Reading) and Louisa (of Wilkesbarre).

Robert Hogg, the father of William H., was born in Lancaster county, Dec. 25, 1813, and was reared at the present home of his son, receiving a limited education in the public schools. He died Nov. 29, 1886. Rachel Swisher, his wife, was born in September, 1823, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Swisher. After his marriage Robert Hogg settled on the home farm, and made additional purchases until he had 245 acres of fine farm land. The old original home put up by his father consisted of logs and stone, and was replaced by him, with a brick construction, and the stone house was connected with it, and this is still occupied by Squire Hogg. He lived on this farm until his death in 1886. His widow passed to her rest in 1899. They were members of the Presbyterian Church at Union. Mr. Hogg was a leader in the Democratic party, and different times was called upon to occupy a number of local offices. There were born to him and his excellent wife four children: Francis and Marion, twins, who died in childhood; Lawrence P., born in 1857, married Miss Hannah M., a daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah Hastings, of Colerain township, and settled at the home of his father, where he worked as a farmer until his failing health compelled him to give up the work, and he died in June, 1878, leaving a widow, and one daughter, Edna E., who resides in Philadelphia with her mother; and William H.

William H. Hogg had his early education in the district school, and was later a student in the Union High School. When he became a young man he was put in charge of the farm, and after the death of his father gave devoted attention to the care of his aged mother as long as she lived.

Mr. Hogg was married in February, 1866, to Esther, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca Hastings, of Colerain township. Mrs. Hogg was born in 1844, in Colerain, where she received the advantages of a high school education. She died in 1898, leaving two children, a son and a daughter: Maggie M., born in 1860; and Robert Treat, in July, 1875.

Maggie M. Hogg was given a very fair education, and married Eber J. Kosch, of Colerain township. They settled on a farm, where she died in March, 1900, leaving two children, Esther L.; and William S., since deceased.

Robert Treat Hogg was educated in the public and high school at Union, and was graduated from Wilmington Commercial College in 1892, and the Philadelphia University of Short Hand in 1893. He was married on Sept. 17, 1902, to Miss Maude Martin, daughter of William Stewart and Joanna (Davis) Martin, of Octoraro, Pa. He resides in Frankford, Philadelphia, where he is employed with Robert H. Foerderer, leather manufacturer, as salesman.

Squire Hogg has always been a Democrat, and has at different times occupied a number of local





offices, having been auditor and school director twelve years, and in 1901 was elected justice of the peace in Colerain township, a position he is now filling.

HERVEY BAUGHMAN, a well known and highly respected farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in that township Dec. 28, 1836, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Pickel) Baughman.

As early as 1750 the Baughman family was planted in Lancaster county by Felix Baughman, who came from Switzerland and purchased 400 acres of land near Georgetown, in Bart township, on which he made his home. He left two sons, Jacob and George, of whom the latter lived and died in Bart township, and three of his grandchildren still live in the county.

Jacob Baughman, son of the emigrant, was born in Bart township, and settled on his share of the family estate. He married Anna Heidlebaugh, also a native of Bart, and they had the following children: George L.; Samuel; Jacob; and Elizabeth, who married Solomon Hamer, and of their children two daughters are still living, Mrs. Jessie McCalister, and Mrs. John Pickel, both of Bart township.

Jacob Baughman (2), son of Jacob, was born Jan. 10, 1800, and he settled on the old homestead of the family, where he spent his life, and where he died in 1872. He married Elizabeth Pickel, who was born in 1806, a daughter of George and Margaret Pickel, of Bart township. She died in 1866. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were among the first to move in the organization of the church at Octoraro. They had the following children born to them: (1) Henry P., born in Bart township, in 1828, settled in Georgetown, where he is a contractor and builder, and is still living. His six children are as follows: Ella, Lizzie, Sallie, Jacob, William and Clifford. (2) William, born in 1830, moved to Virginia, when he was a young man, and there he married about the time of the Civil war. He died in 1873. (3) John J., born in 1832, married Miss Catherine Trout, of Bart township, and is now living a retired life in Bart township. (4) Anna E., born in Bart township in 1834, married the late Joseph W. Fawkes, and lives in Burbank, Cal. She has a family of seven children: Howard, Wilbur, Harry, Joseph, Effie, Charles and Leslie. (5) Herve is our subject. (6) Sarah Jane, born in 1840, married George W. Johnson, and both are now deceased, leaving a family of four children: William, living in Philadelphia; Ferree, a farmer in York county; Elizabeth, wife of Laven Burkey, of Salisbury township; and Harry, of Philadelphia. (7) George F., born in 1843, enlisted in 1861, from Lancaster county, and reenlisted as a veteran. He was wounded at Atlanta, and died at Chattanooga, where he was buried. Participating in many fierce and bloody engagements he bore himself as a gallant soldier, and left a record of honorable and loyal service. (8) Mary,

born in 1845, is the wife of Rev. John Nelson, a Methodist clergyman, who is now living in Philadelphia.

Hervey Baughman was reared to manhood at the old home, where he was educated in the district school, and when he became a young man learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for four years. For fifteen years he lived on the old Baughman homestead, and then purchased his present farm in Bart township, where he and his family still reside.

On Jan. 3, 1861, Mr. Baughman was married to Catherine Phenegar, who was born in Paradise township Aug. 30, 1841, daughter of Jacob and Mary M. (Bower) Phenegar, the former of whom died in 1852. Mrs. Phenegar moved to Bart township and still has her home in that community; all four of her children are living: Sarah, at home; Benjamin, in Columbia; Newton L., in Philadelphia; and Catherine, Mrs. Baughman. To Mr. and Baughman have come eleven children: William A., born in Georgetown in 1861, lived on a farm adjoining his father's place; he married Miss Malissa Artus, of this county, and has two children, Robert and Ferree. Anna and Ada, twins, born in 1865, of whom Anna is the wife of J. E. Withrow, of Colerain township, and the mother of three children, Anna, Ada and Esther; while Ada is the wife of Harry K. Wilson, and the mother of five children: Howard, Walter, Ethel, Marion and Charles. Jacob, born in 1869, lives in the West; he married Miss Bertha Rice, of Sadsbury township, and they have three children, Anna, Clarence and Blanche. Lora, born in 1870, married Joseph Mendenhall, a farmer in Sadsbury township, and they have three children, William, Viella and Elsie Helen. Benjamin N., born in 1873, is a supervisor of Bart township, and resides at home. Jessie M., born in 1875, married Frank Mendenhall, a farmer in Sadsbury township, and they have three children, Park, Rolland and Catherine. Joseph, born in 1878, is a street car conductor in Philadelphia. Lillie L., born in 1880, is at home. George, born in 1882, and Elsie B., born in 1884, are at school. The family are all members of the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Baughman has been an elder. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been school director and assessor of the township for many years. In 1877 he was elected justice of the peace, a position he held for some ten years. The Baughman family has long been favorably known in Lancaster county, and the present representative has well sustained the honor of the family name.

FREDERICK A. BEATES, living a retired life in Lancaster, after many years devoted to extensive farming interests, was born near the Elizabeth Furnace, Lancaster county, in 1830, a son of Rev. William and Mary (Hearst) Beates, natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. William Beates was reared in Philadel-





phia, and in early life made cigars for a living while studying for the Lutheran ministry. He was ordained in 1810, and was for a time local preacher, but eventually settled in Elizabeth, where he preached for twenty years. In 1835 he became identified with the Zion Lutheran Church in Lancaster, and for twenty-five years was one of the forceful preachers and large-hearted humanitarians of the city. He died in 1888, at the age of ninety-two, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five. To this couple were born the following children: Anna, who married Christ Geiger, and is now deceased; William, a former farmer of this county, but now deceased; Henry, a retired druggist of Philadelphia; Samuel, deceased; Charles, deceased; Caroline, deceased wife of George Sprecker; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. John Alda, of Philadelphia; Harmon, a farmer, but now deceased; Fred A.; Susan, deceased wife of John Prunhall; and Catherine, unmarried and living in Philadelphia. The paternal grandfather, William Beates, was a tobaccoist of Philadelphia; and on the maternal side, the grandparents had two sons, Henry and Christ Hearbst.

The entire life of Frederick A. Beates has been spent in Lancaster county, where he attended the public schools, and at the age of eighteen entered Gettysburg College for a year. For thirty-two years he was one of the foremost farmers of his locality, and he took an active interest in agricultural and other affairs. At the same time he kept up an interest in taxidermy and birds, to which as a child he had been drawn, and in later years he has accomplished really creditable work along his chosen line. He is still a bird fancier, and the feathered tribe have no more enthusiastic friend and well wisher. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Republican in national politics.

In 1882 Mr. Beates married Lizzie Wetzel, a daughter of John Wetzel, a farmer of Lancaster county. Mrs. Beates died in 1892, leaving no issue. The second marriage of Mr. Beates occurred in 1896, with Anna Spiker, daughter of Lawrence and Margaret Spiker, the former retired and living on East King street, and at present seventy-eight years old. Mr. Beates bears an enviable reputation among the farmers of the county and the citizens of the town of Lancaster, and his career is regarded as a well directed and useful one.

**ROBERT BLAIR RISK**, who for over twenty years has been connected with the editorial department of *The Examiner*, was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, Feb. 20, 1848, the eldest son of Samuel McFarland Risk and Francina (Blair) Risk. His ancestors are of sturdy Irish and Scotch stock, Presbyterian in faith, and with all the rigid morality and uprightness of the Calvinistic creed. His paternal grandfather came, at the age of eighteen, from North Ireland in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Bart township, a few miles from Quarryville, and hammered out a

small fortune in his blacksmith forge and sickle mill. He left the following children, Robert, David, James, William, Samuel and Elizabeth, all of whom became prominent in the industrial, political and social affairs of the lower end of the county. On the maternal side, Mr. Risk comes from the Blair stock, his great-great-grandfather being the Rev. Samuel Blair, of Log College fame, one of the most noted divines of his day, but whose great promise was cut short by his death at the early age of thirty-nine. He is buried at Fagg's Manor, Chester Co., Pa. He was born in Ulster, Ireland, June 14, 1712, and at the age of twenty-two, in the year 1734, he came to this country. It may be of general local interest to state that the two daughters of Rev. Samuel Blair married Presbyterian ministers, viz.: Rev. John Carmichael, and Dr. Robert Smith, of Pequea, this country. Dr. Smith's two sons, Samuel Stanhope Smith and John Blair Smith, became Presbyterian divines, and later, college professors and presidents. Their names are illustrious in the early history of Princeton, Hampden, Sidney, and Union Colleges. A memorial window in the First Presbyterian Church, Germantown, bears witness to the distinguished character and services of Samuel Blair's son, Rev. Samuel Blair.

Many descendants of this branch of the Blair family are to be found in Pequea township, and other parts of Lancaster county. It may not be irrelevant to state that from John Blair, who was Samuel's junior by eight years, sprang Francis P. Blair, of Congressional globe fame; Montgomery Blair, Lincoln's post-master general; and Frank Blair, United States Senator from Missouri.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Risk was James Moore, who married Francina Blair, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Blair. He left the old homestead to his son Samuel Moore, who, in turn, married Mary Caldwell. From this union were born several children, viz.: James, Robert W., Samuel B., Lydia, Rebecca J., Mary R. and Francina Blair, who was the mother of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Risk's father failed in business during one of the early panics, leaving his son a penniless lad, four years old, with no greater inheritance than an old family Bible, and a tendency to rheumatism. Mrs. Risk and her two sons, Robert and James, went back to the old ancestral homestead, a farm near the Buck, now in the former's name. The beginning of his education was in the old log school house, but at the early age of eleven years, he attended Williamsburg Academy, in Blair county, this State, and in 1861 came to the academy at Chestnut Level, where he spent three years under the instruction of his cousin, Prof. James Morgan Rawlins, A. M. He completed his academic course and prepared for college (which he never entered), under the same instructor at Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa., and assisted him as teacher for two years. He next went west to Kansas, settling in Topeka, and there began his legal studies



under Judge Daniel Briar. On account of ill health he returned to Lancaster, completed his legal course under the preceptorship of Samuel H. Reynolds, and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1873. The practice of law was never to his taste nor fitted to his natural aptitudes, so, Jan. 1, 1876, he formed a partnership with W. Hayes Grier, in the publication of the *Columbia Herald*, which association lasted two years. Returning to Lancaster he put in nearly three years in a little law practice and much desultory and general newspaper writing. Upon the resignation of D. Brainard Williamson from the editorship of the *Lancaster Examiner* in October, 1881, Mr. Risk accepted the vacant chair from Hon. John A. Heistand, and has been connected with the editorial department ever since—the Messrs. Cochran taking possession of the paper, March 27, 1889.

In 1893 Mr. Risk published a volume under the title of "Observed and Noted," being a series of sketches, humorous, sentimental, pathetic and philosophic, which he had contributed for a number of years to the Saturday issue of *The Examiner*. Mr. Risk has never married and has but one near relative, a brother, Samuel James Risk, of Quarryville, this county. The race of both the Risks and Moores is fast approaching extinction. Although Mr. Risk's father was an early Abolitionist and the great friend of Thaddeus Stevens, his son was brought up under Democratic influences and till 1880 was the adherent of that party. When it left the faith of the fathers, he gave his allegiance to the Republican party, and has labored for its interests ever since.

JOHN M. GROFF, whose law offices are at Nos. 40-42 North Duke street, Lancaster, comes from old and substantial Lancaster county Mennonite stock, his grandfather having been a farmer of New Providence, Lancaster county, whither the great-grandfather removed from Groffdale, a locality peopled by his ancestors, who were among the early Mennonite settlers of this county.

Adam Groff, the father of John M., was a farmer of New Providence, and his wife, Fanny, was a daughter of David Mowery, a farmer and merchant of more than local reputation. To this union were born four children: Jefferson F., a resident of Downingtown, where he is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Cora E., wife of Samuel Hoffman, of Harrisburg; John M., of Lancaster City, the subject of this sketch; and Miss Mary G., at home.

John M. Groff was born in New Providence July 30, 1869, and after attending the public schools of the district attended the State Normal School at Millersville. He afterward entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he remained two years, and then registered as a student at law with Hon. Marriott Brosius. Mr. Groff was admitted to the practice of his profession Nov.

6, 1892, and in a few years built up a large practice. When the war with Spain broke out Mr. Groff, with his military training at West Point fresh in his mind, raised a company of volunteers, who elected him their captain. Their services were tendered to the Government, but happily were not needed. Undaunted by this, the company held together, and are known as Company K, 4th Regiment, N. G. P. During the troubled times of 1900 they served forty days, and in 1902 served thirty-two days in the coal region, guarding against riots during the coal strikes.

On June 28, 1868, Capt. Groff was married to Miss Nora Bassler Graybill, daughter of H. W. Graybill, a popular coal and lumber dealer of East Petersburg. To this union has been born one daughter, Leah Deldee. Mr. Groff's home is on the Philadelphia turnpike, just outside the city limits.

Capt. Groff won much professional fame by his able defense of Ralph Wireback, the murderer of David B. Landes, president of the Conestoga National Bank. Every inch of the way was stoutly contested; every step known to the practice of our courts was taken, but the murder was undisputed, and the jury refused to accept the plea of insanity. Never, however, was a client more ably and intelligently defended, and the management of the case brought Capt. Groff into prominence as a criminal lawyer. In politics he is a Republican, and was three times a delegate to State conventions before he was twenty-eight years of age. For five years he was solicitor for the directors of the poor of Lancaster county, and was first assistant district attorney of his county under the law creating that office. He organized and is also the solicitor of the Pennsylvania State Building & Loan Association and the Union Trust Company, both successful financial institutions of his county.

JOHN STAMM (deceased). One of the prominent and successful citizens of Lancaster, who has passed out of life, but who is still remembered as a man of integrity and high principle, was John Stamm, a German by birth and parentage, who became thoroughly identified with American life and customs.

The birth of John Stamm occurred Dec. 22, 1827, in Willings-Hausen, Kur-Hessen, Germany, a son of John Stamm, who was an extensive farmer in Germany. In 1848, at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Stamm came to the United States and located at Lancaster, where he engaged in clerking in a store owned by a Mr. Sprecher. His real life-work, however, was gardening, for which he had unusual taste, and as he followed this pleasant occupation for many years, even until he retired from active labor, he became well-known in the business and his services and advice were always in great demand. Although he was a believer in Democratic principles and supported that party, he could never be prevailed upon to accept office. He enjoyed his







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fraternal membership with the Odd Fellows organization, and was faithful in his attendance upon the services at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, contributing liberally to its support. He, it was, who bought the ground for that now flourishing congregation in said city of Lancaster. Mr. Stamm died Jan. 29, 1883, and was laid to rest in the Zion's Lutheran cemetery.

In 1856 Mr. Stamm was married, in Lancaster, to Anna Catharine Dietz, who was born in Wallerstaedten, Germany, Dec. 1, 1834, and died June 27, 1897. She was the daughter of John P. Dietz and Anna Barbara (Landau), his wife, the former of whom came to America in 1844, and for many years followed gardening, in Lancaster, during the last ten years of his life, living retired. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stamm were as follows: George P., who died young; Martha E., a well-known resident of Lancaster; John P., who died young; and Carl P., who is a successful dentist, in Lancaster.

MISS MARTHA E. STAMM is highly regarded in Lancaster, in real estate and building circles, her business ability being quite unusual. She possesses most excellent judgment, and Lancaster is indebted to her for the enterprise she has shown in purchasing vacant and unimproved property and erecting handsome residences which are attractive and comfortable, and large business houses which contribute to the appearance of the city, as well as add to its commercial facilities. The family is well known and Mr. Stamm was one of the city's representative men.

JOHN EDWIN RATHFON, who entered into rest on the night of Oct. 4, 1902, at his residence on North Duke street, was one of the best-known figures in the business circles of Lancaster. Indeed, he was widely known in all circles—church, social and business—and everywhere he was spoken of in terms of the highest esteem, for he had a smile and a kind word for everybody, rich or poor; all being alike to him, so far as their worldly condition was concerned.

Mr. Rathfon was born and reared in Lancaster, receiving a good education, and at the completion of his studies, he entered the store of Myers & Rathfon (his father, the venerable Jacob Rathfon, now eighty-four years old, being a member of that firm), where he became manager, and a very popular and efficient one he proved. He died in the midst of his busy and useful career, in his fifty-first year. His ancestral history will be found in the sketch of his father, elsewhere in these annals, while the ancestry of his wife, who survives, will be found in the sketches of H. E. Slaymaker and George D. Sprecher—Mr. Rathfon's wife having been Miss Lillian Reigart, daughter of the late John Reigart, who was in the post office department, the Reigart history appearing very fully in connection with H. E. Slaymaker, whose grandfather, on his mother's side,

was Adam Reigart; while the ancestry of her mother's people is fully given in the sketch of George D. Sprecher, who is a brother of Mrs. Rathfon's mother. The history of these three families, the Reigarts, the Sprechers and the Rathfons, is extensive as well as interesting.

Mr. Rathfon's mother preceded him to the grave, but he had one sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Rine, widow of the late Christian Rine, a prominent leaf tobacco dealer, and two brothers, J. Harry Rathfon, city treasurer of Lancaster, and Gilbert B. Rathfon, freight agent of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, at Buffalo. An only son, William E., clerk in the Fulton National Bank, also survives.

Mr. Rathfon was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. He was a director of the Union Trust Co., of Lancaster, a concern in which he took great interest, and which he lived barely long enough to see launched in its handsome home on East King street. Liberal in all his views, progressive at all times, courteous and honorable in all his dealings, his taking off in the midst of his usefulness has been universally regretted.

EZRA WISSLER, for many years one of the progressive farmers of Clay township, was a son of Jacob and Anna (Eby) Wissler, and was born in Elizabeth, now Clay township, on the old Groff homestead, May 6, 1809. On Nov. 24, 1831, he married Mary Fahnstock Bauman, and began farming on the old homestead. He purchased the first threshing machine in his community, and did the threshing for quite a distance around. In 1839-40 he built a house and barn on part of the old Groff homestead, then mostly timber land, which he cleared gradually. In 1876 Mr. Wissler sold the farm to Henry S. Brubaker and removed to Brunnerville, Pa., where he built himself a house, and where both his sons resided. Aaron having the foundry and machine shop, and John B. the store. Here his wife died in 1886, after which he had a housekeeper until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1891, when he was aged eighty-two years, five months and twenty-seven days, after an illness of over six months occasioned by pneumonia.

Jacob Wissler, father of Ezra, was born in Clay township in 1778, son of Andrew Wissler, and was one of the successful farmers of his day, following agricultural pursuits until his death which occurred in 1853. He had prospered by thrift and industry, and at the time of his death owned four farms. He was a man of considerable energy, and made three journeys to Canada on horseback. He was one of the Old Mennonites of Lancaster county, but did not ignore altogether the law of self-defense, and one of his descendants still cherishes the cane with which he defended himself against the attack of an Indian, when on one of the trips mentioned. In 1800 Jacob Wissler married Anna, daughter of Christian Eby, and ten children were born to them, namely: Andrew, a farmer and merchant,





who moved to Michigan, where he died; Jacob, a farmer; Christian, a miller and farmer; Ezra, our subject proper; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Laudes, of Ephrata township; Levi, a farmer and tanner; Sem, a miller of Canada; Mary, wife of Levi Erb; Miss Catherine, deceased; and John, a tanner, who died in Virginia.

The first member of the branch of the Wissler family in America sailed with his wife from Germany to Philadelphia in 1720. On the voyage, together with other able-bodied men on the vessel, he was impressed into the naval service by a man-of-war. His wife continued the journey to Philadelphia, where he joined her on the expiration of his term of service. She was employed by a farmer of Germantown, and he also took service with a farmer in that locality, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Andrew Wissler, their son, removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he entered the employ of Jacob Groff, an extensive farmer in what is now Clay township. In 1767 he married the only daughter of his employer, through whom he became the owner of the old Groff homestead, which was taken up in 1724 by John Jacob Groff, father of Jacob. It was divided into four farms by Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, as mentioned elsewhere, but has ever since remained in the Wissler family. Andrew had two sons, John and Jacob, the former of whom died unmarried.

John Bauman Wissler, youngest son of Ezra Wissler, was born in the old homestead May 30, 1836, and in his early years worked on his father's farm, meantime attending common school and a term at the Lititz Academy, under Professor John Beck. There he mastered English, German text and German script writing. He entered the store of Samuel B. Myers, of Rothsville, as book-keeper, continuing thus for one year, when Mr. Myers sold out and removed to Virginia, after which our subject taught school for three terms, working on the home farm during the summer vacation. In 1857 Mr. Wissler married Caroline C. Eberly, daughter of Henry and Sabina (Markel) Eberly, of Clay township, and by her had four children: the eldest, Mary Cecilia, died of diphtheria in her eighteenth year; the second, a son, died of erysipelas when twenty-nine days old; the third, Alice Olivia, is married to A. E. Lane, of Clay, Lancaster county, by whom she has three children, a daughter, Alice W., and two sons, Abram and John Wissler Lane; the fourth, Sabina Louise, is unmarried and living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Wissler intended to farm, but land was so high in price at the time that it was considered unprofitable to buy, and the Brunnerville (the Whitehall) store stand being sold on account of the death of Levi H. Yundt, the proprietor, the latter was purchased by Ezra Wissler, the father, for his son John B. Mr. Wissler rented it from his father until 1877, when circumstances beyond John B. Wissler's control induced his father

to give him the deed to the store property. He kept the store from 1858 to 1892, had the Brunnerville post office established in 1861, and held it as postmaster until 1892, when he resigned the office and retired from business, selling his stock of goods to his son-in-law A. E. Lane. Mrs. Wissler died May 10, 1898, of gastritis and heart failure after an illness of over four months.

REV. JONAS H. HESS. The Hess family is one of the old and honorable ones of Lancaster county. Jacob Hess, the founder of the family there, took up land in Warwick township in 1732, the property since remaining a valued possession in the family.

Rev. John Hess, son of Jacob and grandfather of Rev. Jonas H., was born in the old homestead in 1768, and there lived and died. He gave his attention to farming through a long life. In 1800 he was ordained a minister of the Gospel of the Old Mennonite denomination, and he died Nov. 27, 1830. His first wife was Esther Hershey, and their children were: Christian, who was a farmer near Rothsville, Pa.; Henry; Susannah, who was the wife of Joseph Eberly; Esther, who died at the age of sixteen; Annie, who was the wife of Christian Oberholtzer; Barbara, who died at the age of eight years; Martha, who was the wife of Samuel Oberholtzer; and Samuel, who died at the age of one year.

Henry Hess, son of Rev. John and father of Rev. Jonas H., was born on the old homestead Jan. 17, 1794, and early in life adopted the vocation of farming, following the same with industry, until within about five years prior to his death, which occurred June 13, 1867. His religion was the faith of the Old Mennonites. Henry Hess married Catherine Huber, and they had a family of thirteen children, all except one of whom lived to maturity: Jacob, who was a miller of Lancaster county; Susannah, the wife of Isaac Huber; Catherine, who died unmarried; Henry, a farmer of Penn township; Esther, wife of Joel Eby; Fanny, wife of John H. Brubaker; John, a farmer of Warwick township; Samuel, deceased, was a miller of Elizabeth township; Martin, a farmer of Manheim township; Levi, a farmer of Penn township; Annie, wife of John Frank; and Jonas H.

Rev. Jonas H. Hess was born on the old Hess homestead March 13, 1841, and he lived with his father until he was about twenty-three years of age. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he then settled down to an agricultural life on the old homestead. Always a man of serious thought and reflection, on Sept. 5, 1880, he was ordained to the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church by Bishop Jacob N. Brubaker, of Mt. Joy, a most wise and pious man. In Mr. Hess the church has found a faithful and zealous worker, one who is noted for his exemplary life and exalted character.





On Sept. 30, 1862, Rev. Jonas H. Hess was united in marriage with Annie S. Franck, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Franck, and to this union have been born eight children: Lizzie, wife of Henry R. Buchler; Catherine, wife of Amos N. Musser; Christian, farmer on one of his father's farms; Annie, who died when six months old; Fannie F., at home; Henry F., at Lititz; Jonas, who died at the age of four; and Ellen F., at home.

Rev. Jonas H. Hess is one of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, and is justly regarded as a representative both in his church and in his neighborhood. While his interests are claimed by his ministerial office, he is fully alive to those enterprises which promise to benefit his locality in an agricultural or in a business way.

**ARCHIBALD LIGHTNER HENDERSON** (deceased), at one time one of the leading citizens and most substantial agriculturists of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, was born there, on his father's farm, May 10, 1803, passed his entire life on the homestead, and there died Dec. 5, 1869; his remains were interred in the Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery, in Chester county.

William Henderson, father of Archibald L., was born June 8, 1775, and farming was also his occupation through life. When a lad he was appointed a midshipman by President John Adams, but for some reason did not accept the commission. On Aug. 5, 1800, he married Rachel Lightner, who was born Nov. 14, 1777, and died Jan. 22, 1808. The death of William Henderson occurred April 11, 1853, and the remains of both were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church, in Chester county. Following are the names and dates of birth and death of the children born to William and Rachel (Lightner) Henderson, besides Archibald L.: William A., born June 6, 1801, died Sept. 8, 1819; Lorenzo N., M. D., born Sept. 14, 1805, died Dec. 4, 1844; Rachel L., born Dec. 26, 1807, died in infancy.

On Oct. 2, 1860, Archibald L. Henderson married, at the home of the bride—a farm adjoining the Henderson homestead—Miss Margaret Ann Linvill, to which union were born the following named children: (1) Rachel died in infancy. (2) William H., born Aug. 14, 1863, died in Connells-ville, Fayette county, March 31, 1901, and his remains, which were brought home for burial, were interred in Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery. He was a civil engineer by profession, and was superintendent of the Light, Heat & Power Company and the Trolley Company at Connells-ville, and surveyor of the company's lines originally. He married Sarah Ann Livingston, who went with her husband to Connells-ville Jan. 1, 1896, returning to the homestead at his death. To William and Sarah Ann (Livingston) Henderson were born three children: John L. (deceased), Ruth and

Margaret. (3) John, a member of the Denny Tag & Envelope Company of Chicago, Ill., married Emma Kempton, who has borne him three children, George L., Walter S. and Robert J. (4) Lightner, of the firm of Purdy & Henderson, of New York and Chicago, civil engineers of construction of steel buildings, is a graduate of the Lehigh University. He married Hannah Manson, of Chicago, Ill. (5) Helen is still at home.

Mrs. Margaret Ann (Linvill) Henderson was born April 8, 1827, daughter of John and Margaret (Hoar) Linvill, of Salisbury township. They lived on a farm adjoining that on which their daughter (Mrs. Henderson) was born. John Linvill (now deceased) was a very prominent farmer and a leading citizen in Salisbury township, and for some years was a member of the board of school directors. His was a life of true usefulness, and was rounded out to a ripe old age, his death occurring in 1874, when he was eighty-one years old; his wife survived him until October, 1884, being called away at the greatly advanced age of ninety years. Both were members of the Society of Friends, and their remains rest in the old Sadsbury Friends' cemetery, but the memory of them and their many virtues is still fondly cherished by those who knew them best in life.

The late Archibald L. Henderson was a young man when he was elected a justice of the peace, but his decisions were never appealed; he was also a surveyor and conveyancer for several years, and was noted for his accuracy. His declining years were passed in retirement, and he died a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Henderson was a Democrat, but he was never an office seeker. He was a natural-born mechanic, was practical in all things, was industrious and thrifty, upright, charitable and broadminded, and but few men in the township were more honored for personal merit and public spirit.

**DAVID M. EYER**, of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, president of the First National Bank of Marietta, and general farmer, was born in Lebanon county, Sept. 7, 1830, a son of John and Leah (Moyer) Eyer, natives, respectively, of Franklin and Lebanon counties. In 1845 the family came to East Donegal township, where John Eyer followed farming on a river farm until his death in 1890, when eighty-four years old, although for some years prior to this event he had withdrawn from active work. His widow lived until 1895, when she passed away at the age of eighty years; and her remains were interred beside her husband's in East Donegal cemetery. The children born to this couple were seven in number, and were in order of birth, as follows: David M., whose name opens this biography; Benjamin and Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, a farmer in Abilene, Kan.; Samuel, farming in East Donegal township; Fannie, wife of Dr. Christopher Gish, of Brookville, Ohio;



and Anna, who died unmarried. John Eyer, paternal grandfather of David M., was a farmer in Franklin county, and his maternal grandfather, Benjamin Moyer, was proprietor of an extensive flour and clover-seed mill in Lebanon county.

David M. Eyer was but fourteen years of age when brought to Lancaster county, and here, for the first three years he worked out as a farm hand. He then joined his father and worked on the home farm in East Donegal township until twenty-four years old, then rented a farm from Henry Musser. A year later he purchased a farm of 105 acres; he has since purchased two additional farms, and now owns two in East Donegal and one in Conoy township, but he still resides on his original purchase which he devotes to general farming.

Mr. Eyer has been twice married. His first bride, whom he wedded in East Donegal township in 1855, was Miss Mary Musser, who was born in the township, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Geish) Musser, and to this marriage were born eight children, viz.: Ellen, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; John, who died when thirty-nine and was also unmarried; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Simon C. Heisey, and died when twenty-eight, the mother of one son, Horace; Fanny, who also became the wife of Simon C. Heisey, and died without issue; Henry M., who died, aged twenty-nine years; Alice, who married Anos Shank, now residing on her father's farm, and has three children; Mary, who died when sixteen years old; and Anna, who died when eighteen; Mrs. Eyer died June 4, 1876. The second marriage of Mr. Eyer took place May 30, 1878, in East Donegal township, to Miss Catherine S. Lenhart, but to this marriage no children have been born.

Mrs. Catherine S. (Lenhart) Eyer was born in East Hempfield township Oct. 22, 1834, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Sheets) Lenhart, of White Oak, Lancaster county. George Lenhart was a carpenter and builder in his early manhood, but later in life followed agricultural pursuits. He was called away March 9, 1888, at ninety-one years of age, and his wife died on the 18th of the same month, in the same year, when aged eighty-two, both dying in the faith of the River Brethren Church. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Cyrus, who died in Kansas; Anna, wife of Samuel Hoffman, retired farmer of East Donegal township; Jacob, deceased; Catherine S., now Mrs. Eyer; Elizabeth, married to Jacob Herr, a farmer; Martha, who died young; Sophia, an invalid; Maria, wife of Henry Eyer, retired and living in Kansas; and Barbara, married to Michael Smith, of East Donegal township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Catherine S. Eyer were George and Barbara (Hollinger) Lenhart, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Frederick and Catherine Sheets, also of this county.

David M. Eyer was elected a director in the First National Bank of Marietta in 1880, and in

1899 was elected its president. He has been treasurer of the East Donegal Cemetery Co. from its organization in 1873, and for twelve years was director of the Marietta & Maytown Turnpike Co. and its president for five years. He is emphatically a self-made man in the business sense of that term, has always led a moral and upright course, has been industrious and thrifty, and is now one of the most substantial citizens of East Donegal township. Religiously, he is a member of the River Brethren Church.

HON. JACOB L. STEINMETZ, member of the Lancaster Bar, ex-member of the Legislature, financier and builder, and owner of many valuable properties, has for many years been one of the most conspicuous figures in Lancaster county.

Mr. Steinmetz is descended from that sturdy and intelligent German stock that had so much to do with the early settlement of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Charles Steinmetz, was born in Germany, and, coming to this country, settled near Ephrata, of which he was one of the founders, and there he entered into rest at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Beaver, lived to be ninety-three years of age. Of their eight children, two died at the age of ninety-two years, two at eighty-eight years, and another died at eighty-seven years.

Jacob Steinmetz, father of Hon. Jacob L., was born near Ephrata, this county. On reaching manhood, he purchased valuable property at South Annville, Lebanon county, where he engaged extensively in farming, passing to his reward when in the prime of manhood, in 1851. His wife was Catherine Gross, daughter of John Gross, of Ephrata, who was an extensive landowner, as well as largely engaged at merchandising. He served as postmaster, was one of the organizers of the Lancaster County National Bank, was one of the promoters and leading stockholders in the Horseshoe Turnpike Co., and, in brief, was one of the most prominent men of his section. The wife of John Gross was a daughter of Col. John Wright, a colonel in the Revolutionary war, this making Hon. Jacob L. Steinmetz (the grandson) a true son of the American Revolution.

Hon. Jacob L. Steinmetz was born at South Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., Aug. 22, 1845. His early education was received in the public schools, but later he attended the Annville Academy and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Next we find him in the University of Michigan, from the literary department of which he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts, and from the law department with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At the University he was a member, and at one time president, of the Webster Literary Society, and it was there that his forensic powers, which later in life made him the powerful







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advocate, first attracted attention. In 1870 Mr. Steinmetz began the practice of law in Lancaster, and from that time on his career as a member of the Lancaster Bar was a continuous triumph. Those who were constantly in attendance at the sessions of all the courts of Lancaster, during all the years in which Mr. Steinmetz won his early battles, certainly found no man at the Bar more earnest, more searching or more successful during all those years. As counsel in leaf tobacco cases, involving immense sums of money, Mr. Steinmetz was so successful that his name became a "tower of strength" not only through Pennsylvania, but in other States. Like his father, Mr. Steinmetz was a staunch Democrat, and in 1876 he was a delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis that nominated Tilden for the Presidency; the same year he (Mr. Steinmetz) was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature from the city district of Lancaster, overcoming a large Republican majority, and he performed the duties of his office with rare fidelity and intelligence. After his term in the Legislature he withdrew from active participation in politics, devoting himself to the practice of his profession and to the upbuilding of the city which he had chosen for his permanent home. In January, 1890, he was elected president of the People's National Bank of Lancaster, and in January, 1892, he was instrumental in the organization of the People's Trust, Savings & Deposit Company, of which he was made the head, as well as the head of the Citizens Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., and of the Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike Co. In a word, there was scarcely a movement looking to the material and financial upbuilding of Lancaster, for many, many years, with which Mr. Steinmetz was not identified. The Steinmetz building, at the corner of North Queen and Grant streets (running back half a block to Christian street, and many stories in height) is a monument to the enterprise which Mr. Steinmetz has shown in the line of building operations, while "Hotel Cocalico," which he built in the beautiful borough of Ephrata, will be an enduring monument to the liberality, enterprise and good taste of its builder, for it is justly rated as one of the finest resorts in the State.

On Feb. 5, 1890, Mr. Steinmetz married Miss Mary Virginia Hawthorn, daughter of the late James Clemens Hawthorn, and from this union one child was born—Hawthorn Steinmetz, now a bright lad of twelve years, attending "Rumsey Hall," at Seneca Falls, N. Y., where he is a member of the Junior Sons of the Revolution, an organization in which he is entitled to membership on both sides, for father and mother are descended from Revolutionary ancestry.

Mrs. Steinmetz, who is not only a "Daughter of the Revolution," but a "Colonial Dame" (of whom there are comparatively few in this section), has an ancestry of which she may well feel proud—an ancestry, indeed, which few people possess. Her

father, James Clemens Hawthorn, was born June 14, 1812, and her mother, Mary Louisa Eberman, on Sept. 14, of the same year—1812. James C. Hawthorn, who died Jan. 20, 1875, was a brilliant and most lovable man, well remembered by some of the older people of the community. In early manhood, he was principal of the Model School at Millersville, and was destined for the ministry, having already been licensed to preach. His first sermon was preached in the United Presbyterian Church at Old Octoraro, but the effort—a most notable one—resulted in the bursting of a blood-vessel, and this changed his whole career. He became a planter, removing to Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., where Mary Virginia Hawthorn, now Mrs. Steinmetz, was born. While she was an infant in arms her parents fled because of the war of the Rebellion, coming North, where they ever after resided. They crossed the Potomac in a flat boat, bathing the face of the future Mrs. Steinmetz in the waters of that historic stream. They came to Lancaster, where their daughter, Virginia (named after her native State), spent her girlhood days and received her education. The grandfather of Mrs. Steinmetz on her mother's side was John Eberman, who was born Oct. 28, 1776, and died Nov. 25, 1840, after having served for twenty-five years as cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster. Sarah Elizabeth Eberman, wife of John Eberman, was born Jan. 30, 1789, and died May 10, 1865. She was a daughter of Dr. Samuel Fahnestock, one of Lancaster's most noted medical doctors, and sister of the late Dr. William Baker Fahnestock, also a noted physician of Lancaster, whose son, Henry R. Fahnestock, now lives retired on East King street, after having held clerkships in the Lancaster postoffice under Presidents Pierce and Buchanan, and been connected with the Steinman hardware store for thirty-seven years. Dr. Samuel Fahnestock married Barbara Becker (afterward Anglicized to Baker), Rev. Henry Muhlenberg performing the ceremony. Samuel Hawthorn, grandfather of Mrs. Steinmetz, was a gentleman of the "old school," courtly and dignified, and wore a queue to the day of his death. He was an extensive landowner, and among his possessions was "Hawthorn Mill," which was for many years a landmark near the Old Octoraro Church, in which Samuel Hawthorn was an elder, for he was of Scotch-Irish origin and one of the strictest of Presbyterians.

The ancestry of Mrs. Steinmetz goes back much farther than this. She is descended from the Clemens, who were of the nobility, and who were among the earliest Swedish settlers on the Delaware. Their settlement on the banks of the Delaware dates back to 1638. Her line is through James Clemens, James (2) and James (3). The latter was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, where he served on important committees, assisted in settling the Independence of the Colonies, was a justice of the peace before the Revolution,





and was elected a delegate to the general county convention in 1774, to take action against British tyranny, voting to resist it. He was a justice of the peace, and judge of the common pleas in and for the county of Lancaster, representing Sadsbury and Salisbury as early as 1790. James Clemens (1) lived and died in Philadelphia. He took up tracts of land from the Penn grant in 1716, locating these tracts in the Pequea Valley. He gave to his son, James Clemens (2), 400 acres of land near White Horse, Salisbury township; to his son John he gave another tract of 400 acres, which was afterward known as Buckley's Forge; and to a third son, Thomas, he gave the tract of land now known as Gap Station. James Clemens (1) was a son of Jacob Clemens, who was one of the Swedes who settled on the Delaware in 1656. His son, James, married Jeane Coates, who came from England with her father, Thomas Coates, in 1682. Tradition tells us that they were related to William Penn, and this was their motto: "We are among those who believe that any who care not about their early origin, care little as to anything higher." [See Rupp's and Harris's histories, as well as the archives of Pennsylvania.] James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as a signer of the Constitution of 1779, was the brother of the great-grandmother of Mrs. Steinmetz; while another of her ancestors, Gen. Heard, whose broad acres were located two miles north of Christiana, was a general in the war of 1812. In fact it is impossible in a sketch intended to have a place with other genealogical sketches in one book, however large that book might be, to give in complete detail all the branches belonging to such a family tree as that of Mrs. Steinmetz. It would involve not only those already mentioned, but the Andrews, McCaulley, Doran and Beyers families—all substantial people, the McCaulleys referred to being John and James; the contested will of the latter—in which he bequeathed \$50,000 to the Extension fund of the Presbyterian Church—was the most noted will case ever tried in Lancaster county.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz are now living in their beautiful "Hotel Cocalico," at Ephrata, having closed, for the present, their elegant home on North Duke street, Lancaster, one of the finest in the city. Mr. Steinmetz visited Europe in 1880, and again in 1894, and Mrs. Steinmetz has paid four visits to the continent. She is not only a member of the Daughters of the Revolution and of the Colonial Dames, but is active and prominent in the Iris Club, Lancaster's leading social and literary club for women. Both parents are justly proud of their only child, Hawthorn, whose grandest, most enduring inheritance will be his historic and honored ancestry.

DAVID B. HUBER, of Manheim township, who is living retired at Fruitville, is one of the old and enterprising citizens of Lancaster county. Mr.

Huber was born Dec. 17, 1837, on the family homestead in Lencock township, and when twelve years of age came to Manheim township with his parents, where he has made his home. His education was received in the common schools, and by observation and reflection he has become a man of much intelligence, reading widely and thinking profoundly and deeply.

Mr. Huber remained with his parents until 1859, when he was married and began farming on a part of the family homestead. A few years later he bought an adjoining place of sixty-eight acres, on which he lived for thirty-six years before his retirement from active labors. During this long and industrious career Mr. Huber has become prosperous and owns six farms, with substantial improvements. In 1900 he put up a beautiful modern residence in which he expects to pass his remaining years. Mr. Huber is a director in the Fruitville, and the Manheim & Penn Turnpike companies. In the Western Market House also he is a director, and he is always ready to take an active interest in anything that looks to the public good.

Mr. Huber was married in September, 1859, to Miss Fannie, a daughter of the Rev. Christian Bomberger, of Warwick township. She died July 17, 1862, leaving one child, Levi B., now a farmer in Landis Valley, who married Elizabeth Stauffer, by whom he has had nine children: Cora, Anna, Lizzie, Harry, David, Benjamin, Christian, Enos and John. David B. Huber married for his second wife, Miss Caroline, a daughter of Jacob and Hetty (Reist) Dohmer, the wedding occurring Jan. 31, 1865. She was born in Penn township Nov. 27, 1840. This union has been blessed with the following children: Annie, who married Henry McNally, a farmer and dairman of Hamilton, Ont., and has four children, Harry D., Carrie M., Herbert N. and Edward S.; Jacob, who died at twenty years of age; Fannie, who died in infancy; David D., a farmer in Manheim township, on the family homestead, who married Fannie Rohrer, of East Hempfield township; John D., who died when about five years old; Lizzie, deceased at the age of three years; and Mary, wife of Milton G. Brubaker, residing at Fruitville.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber, Levi B. and Mrs. Mary Brubaker are members of the Mennonite Church, and are among the most worthy and respected citizens of the community. For fifteen years he has been a member of the school board in Manheim township. Mr. Huber has been an extensive traveler, and as he is a close observer he has profited much by his journeying abroad. He is a model farmer, and received a medal and diploma for an exhibition of oats made at the World's Columbian Exposition. When the Sabbath School was started at Petersburg by the Mennonite Church, Mr. Huber was made the first superintendent, and he has had the pleasure of seeing many of the younger people pass from the Sunday School into the Church.



MICHAEL G. SHINDLE (originally spelled Schindle), dealer in tobacco and coal, and also engaged in the fire insurance business in Mountville, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 11, 1837, in West Hempfield, this county, a mile and a half northeast of his present place of business. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Gross) Shindle, were natives of Manor and East Hempfield townships, respectively. Joseph Shindle was a farmer, and he died in Manor township Sept. 25, 1860, at the age of forty-nine years and six months. His wife preceded him to the grave April 16, 1847, at the age of forty-two years, both dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Their remains were interred at Mountville. They had born to them three children, namely: Michael G., whose name opens this paragraph; Mary A., who died in 1849; and Harriet, who died in 1888, the wife of Ephraim Hershey, of Manor township, and the mother of two children.

We have no definite information concerning the early members of the Shindle family in this county. In 1751 came John Peter Schindle, who located in Lebanon county, Pa. In 1755 John Michael Schindle came hither from Germany, settling in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1771 came two brothers, John Conrad and Joseph George, who also settled in Lancaster county. Michael G. Shindle is supposed to have been a descendant of John Michael, who was born July 31, 1729, in Eueriebach, Erbach, in what is now Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of John Conrad and Susannah (Trixler) Schindle. John Michael, it is supposed, was the great-grandfather of Michael G., the subject of this sketch; his grandfather was named Michael. Our subject's maternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth Gross, farming people of East Hempfield township.

Michael G. Shindle remained on the home farm until 1860, when he came to Mountville, and settled there, and built his present home in 1864. He at once opened a coal yard, and had his farming done by hired help. He was soon appointed freight and ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., and acted in that capacity twenty-two years (1866 to 1888). Mr. Shindle has never abandoned the coal trade since coming to Mountville, and in 1869 began buying, packing and selling tobacco.

Michael G. Shindle has been twice married. In 1857, in Hempfield township, he wedded Barbara Stauffer, who was born in West Hempfield township, daughter of Henry Stauffer, and to this union were born three children, namely: Florence, wife of Adam B. Fisher, freight and ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., at Mountville; Sadie, wife of Dr. David R. Summy, of Columbus, Ohio; and Miss Silvene, residing with her sister Sadie. Mrs. Barbara (Stauffer) Shindle was called away in 1891, at the age of fifty-one years, and her remains were interred in the Mountville cemetery. In 1893, in Lancaster City, Michael G. Shindle took for his second helpmate, Mrs. Barbara (Klugh) Musser, a widow, and a native of Mountville, daugh-

ter of Charles and Eliza Klugh, of West Hempfield township. Mrs. Shindle was first married to Amos S. Musser, who was a farmer all his life and died in 1887, leaving her with four children: Harvey K., who is a baker in Lancaster; Miami, wife of George E. Griffin, in the real estate and insurance business in Philadelphia; Stanton, a machinist, who is unmarried; and Mabel, residing with Mr. Shindle.

Michael G. Shindle was one of the incorporators of the Mountville Manufacturing Co., and was the general manager and secretary of that concern from the start, in 1888, until he resigned the office in 1895. He was also one of the incorporators of the Mountville National Bank, of which he was a director for six years, and then resigned. In October, 1900, he was made secretary of the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of which he has been for many years a member, and in 1896 was elected a director. In politics he is a Republican, but has steadily refused to accept public office, although he is in every respect one of the most public-spirited citizens of Lancaster county.

JACOB S. HERSHEY, one of the business citizens of Junction, Penn township, is an estimable member of one of the prominent old families of Lancaster county.

Martin Hershey, his grandfather, lived and died in Dauphin county, Pa., where he carried on the business of distilling in connection with his farming. He was the father of these children: Isaac, a farmer in Dauphin county, who became a politician and served as register of deeds; Henry, a farmer of Dauphin county; Joseph, who moved to Ohio and farmed there; Jacob, a farmer of Dauphin county; John, also a farmer of the same county; and Martin, the father of Jacob S., of this sketch, who was born in 1801.

In his early business life, Martin Hershey, the father of Jacob S., was a distiller, later became a farmer and about 1829 or 1830, he removed to Lancaster county and settled near the place where Jacob S., subject of this sketch, now resides. Here he erected a distillery and managed it in connection with his farming operations. His death occurred in 1881. In politics, Martin Hershey was a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some years. The marriage of Martin Hershey was to Elizabeth Snively, and they were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy. Of the others, Reuben went to Minnesota and died there, leaving Jacob S., the only surviving member of the family. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob S. Hershey was born in Penn township, March 23, 1836, and remained in the family home, after finishing his education, until he was twenty-four years of age. Upon a tract of land in Penn township, he began his own agricultural career, succeeding in a marked degree for five years, giving that line up in order to embark in the mercantile





business in the town of Junction. This business grew in volume through nineteen years, when Mr. Hershey went into the coal and leaf tobacco business, and has also been successful in that line. The same principles which conduced to make him a successful merchant through so many years, are still followed in his present business, and he has the confidence and good will of his whole community. In 1867 he was appointed postmaster, and he filled the duties of the position as long as he continued in the mercantile line.

Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Anna Cassel, and to this union were born two children, Louisa C., who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Lizzie C., the wife of Martin E. Gross, a farmer of Penn township. Mr. Hershey is one of the progressive, energetic and capable business men of Lancaster county, widely known and most highly respected.

**MANSELL REED**, a retired farmer residing in South Hermitage, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, although born on Southern soil and of Quaker parentage, was one of the defenders of his country's flag.

Mansell Reed was born in Cecil county, Md., Sept. 8, 1838, a son of William and Margaret (Little) Reed, of the State of Delaware, where the mother died in 1845, when thirty-five years old, the father dying in Chester county, Pa., in 1861, at sixty years of age, both in the faith of the Society of Friends. They were the parents of three children, viz.: Mansell; Mary, deceased wife of Rev. William P. White, a Presbyterian clergyman, to whom she has borne four children; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of fifteen years. The parents of William Reed were Ezekiel and Mary (Mansfield) Reed, of Delaware, the former of whom was a farmer and died in West Chester, Pa. The parents of Margaret (Little) Reed were Thomas and Elizabeth Little, of Okeasen, Del., also farming people.

Mansell Reed was but seven years of age when brought to Salisbury township by an uncle, John McGill, a merchant with whom Mansell lived in South Hermitage until twenty-two years old, assisting in the store. He then found other employment for a year or two, and in May, 1863, enlisted at Lancaster in Co. F, 122d P. V. I., under Capt. John Bair as commander of the company. The most important battles in which he took part were those of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, but he also participated in numerous skirmishes, and after nine months of active service was honorably discharged at Harrisburg. For the two following years he served as an extra on a wagon train in Washington, D. C., at the termination of which time he returned to South Hermitage, Pa., and for a year was employed in a general store; thence he went to Mount Pleasant, clerked in a store two years; then for two years was a clerk in a store at Compassville, and finally came to his present property in South Hermitage. There he erected his comfortable dwelling

in 1876, and employed himself in farming until 1898, when impaired health caused his retirement.

The marriage of Mansell Reed took place in New Holland, Lancaster county, March 19, 1866, to Miss Catherine Diem, who has borne him four children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Carson Sterling, a liveryman of New Holland, and mother of three children, David Reed, Robert Franklin and William Chester; Bertha, who died young; Daisy, who died an infant; and Chester, who still resides with his parents. Mrs. Catherine (Diem) Reed is a native of Salisbury township, was born June 5, 1837, and is a daughter of Kennedy and Hester (Brower) Diem.

Mansell Reed has ever been one of the most industrious and enterprising of men, and had it not been that ill health caused his early retirement from business, the citizens of Salisbury township would have found great cause for congratulation from his residence in their midst. He is very public-spirited and has always been ready when his means permitted, to assist financially in the promotion of all projects designed for the welfare of the public, being an ardent friend of public instruction and of the maintenance of good roads and such other conveniences as are usually required by a progressive community. His perceptive faculties are quick and comprehensive, and he is never slow to see what is required for the public good nor lax in rendering efficient aid in securing the means for filling such requirements. He is to a great extent what is known as a "self-made" man, and until overcome by illness was possessed of an immense amount of energy and business enterprise. Naturally of an affable disposition and pleasing manners, he has made hosts of friends who hold him in the highest esteem, and in this esteem his estimable wife has a full share. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are devout members of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, and fraternally Mr. Reed is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, but has never desired office of any kind.

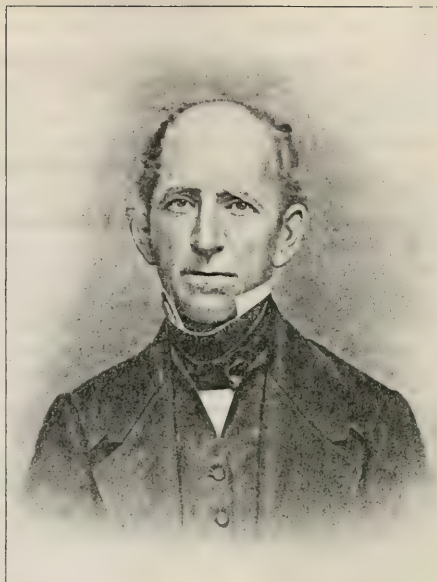
**GEORGE B. OWEN.** One of the oldest, most prominent and wealthy families of Lancaster county is that of Owen, Richard Owen having taken possession of the plantation now held by George B. Owen as early as 1723.

The ship "Vine," William Preeson, master, arrived in the Delaware Sept. 17, 1684, from Dolserey, near Dolgelly, in Merionethshire, Wales. Robert Owen and wife Jane and son Lewis, Dr. Griffith Owen (also a son of Robert Owen), his wife Sarah and son Robert, and daughters Sarah and Elenor, were on this ship. Robert Owen settled on Duck creek, in Newcastle county, Del., where his son Edward had previously settled. Robert Owen had nine sons, all of age at the time. He was a son of Humphrey Owen, descended from Lewis Owen, Baron of the Exchequer of North Wales, who was murdered in 1555. A few months after his arrival Robert Owen was appointed one of the justices of the peace for Newcastle county. He died before the end of his





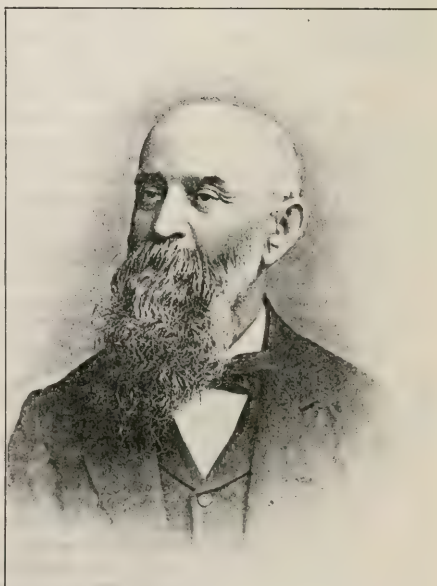
ELIZA OWEN



BENJAMIN OWEN



MARY B. OWEN



GEORGE B. OWEN





term, and his son Richard was appointed in his stead, and it was Richard, the son of Richard, who located in Lancaster county after his marriage, in 1720, with Elizabeth Knauer, and who was at that time living in Uwchland township, Chester Co., Pa. The family were Quakers on arrival in the country, but neither Richard Owen, on arrival in Lancaster county, nor his wife were members of that Society. He may have been a Seventh-day Baptist, as at least two of his brothers left in Uwchland township certainly were. What gives color to this is that Bissell, the founder of the Ephrata Community, first located near to the plantation of Richard Owen. Be this as it may, it is certainly true that the grandchildren (the children of his son Benjamin), Jonathan, Benjamin and Ann, are the first of the family mentioned in the Lampeter Meeting Records. The children of Richard and Elizabeth Owen were Richard, Theophilus, Benjamin, Mary (wife of John Maxwell), Anne (wife of Richard Chincy), Sarah (wife of Peter Potts), and Jonathan. Richard Owen died in 1760, and his sons Richard and Theophilus also being dead, the plantation was taken at the appraisement by his son Benjamin. Benjamin Owen was very successful, and at his death, in 1784, left the plantation of his father to his son Jonathan, and the one adjoining to his son Benjamin, making provision also for his daughter Ann, then the wife of John Williams. Jonathan Owen, son of Benjamin, and grandson of Richard, was born in Lancaster county, and was married May 17, 1787, to Mary Bonsall, of Darby (then in Chester, now in Delaware county), Pa., and thereafter made his home in Delaware county, where all his children were born. He died there in 1821, and his wife, who survived until 1863, reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

Benjamin Owen was born in Delaware county, six miles southwest of Philadelphia. In his early days he learned the trade of wheelwright, but in 1823 he removed to Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, and there engaged in farming during the rest of his life. He was a man of fine mental equipment, and held many of the local offices. His death occurred in 1880, when he was aged eighty-seven, and his wife, Eliza Bender, died in 1877, at the age of sixty-two; they were buried in Heller's cemetery. Mr. Owen was of the Quaker belief, and Mrs. Owen was a member of the Reformed church. Two children only were born to them, George B. and Mary B., the latter dying in December, 1894. Mrs. Eliza (Bender) Owen was a daughter of George and Mary (Kinzer) Bender, of Earl township, where the father resided a short time, removing to Upper Leacock township, where he died in 1818; the mother survived until 1871, dying at the age of ninety-two years. Her second marriage was to William Wadely, by whom she had the following children: Amos; Maria, who married Jeremiah Smith; George, who married Catherine Maltz, of Cumberland county; and Harriet, who married David Miller. Her children by George Bender were: Kinzer, who married

(first) Mary Weidler, and (second) her sister, Susan Weidler; Margaret, who married Jacob Hull; William, who died unmarried, in Mississippi; and Eliza, the mother of George B. Owen. Daniel Bender, the father of George Bender, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

George B. Owen was born near Monterey, in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 31, 1835. He was educated in the public schools, and at New London Academy, in Chester county, under William F. Wyers, spending three terms at the latter institution. During the life of his parents and sister he remained on the old homestead, and he valued greatly this fine old farm, which has been in the possession of the family some one hundred and fifty years, but does not now reside upon it. Having no family ties, and possessing ample means, Mr. Owen spends much time in travel, and has taken a very prominent part in public affairs in his county, serving for three years on the Republican County Committee. For a period of eighteen months he served as assistant assessor of United States Internal Revenue, his term ending on account of the abolishment of the office. Mr. Owen is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, and connected with Lodge No. 43, in Lancaster. He is considered one of the representative citizens of this part of the county.

HON. EMANUEL DYER ROATH, justice of the peace at Marietta, Lancaster county, and a gallant ex-officer of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Lancaster City, Oct. 4, 1820, a son of Jacob and Susan (Shireman) Roath, natives, respectively, of Maytown and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Roath was a tailor by trade and was a member of the company which escorted Gen. Lafayette from Paoli to Lancaster, on the occasion of the second visit of that noble and philanthropic Frenchman to America. Jacob Roath died in Lancaster at the age of thirty-three years, and his wife, Susan (Shireman) Roath, removed to Harrisburg, where her death took place. Both she and her husband were members of the Reformed Church, and their remains lie interred in the cemetery of that denomination at Maytown. Their four children were born in the following order: John C., a cabinet-maker, died in Maytown; Emanuel D.; Jacob S., a shoemaker, died in Maytown; and Philip B., a farmer, died in the same village. The paternal grandparents of Hon. E. D. Roath were natives of Baden, Germany, and were early settlers in Lancaster county, Pa.; and of the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Susan (Brenner) Shireman, the father of Jacob was also born in Baden.

The boyhood days of Emanuel D. Roath were passed at his mother's home. At the age of five years he was sent to the district school, where he learned the alphabet the first day. He continued on the farm until he had secured a sum of money to pay his expenses in a higher institution of instruction, and from eighteen until twenty-one years old attended





the Shippensburg Academy. On reaching his majority, he began working out on his own account, and when twenty-three commenced teaching—a profession he followed for twelve consecutive winters in the district schools; for five summers, also, he taught a private school of his own.

In 1852 Mr. Roath settled in Marietta, and for two years worked in a lumber yard. On March 18, 1854, he was elected a justice of the peace and was re-elected Oct. 10, 1861. At Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Mr. Roath was authorized by Gov. Curtin to raise a company of volunteers for service in the Civil war, the result being that he enrolled Co. E, 107th P. V. I., of which he was commissioned Captain, and he served until March 1, 1865, when he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., being later breveted major by President Andrew Johnson, and breveted lieutenant colonel and later colonel by Gov. John W. Geary. Following is a list of the engagements in which Capt. Roath took part while assisting in maintaining the integrity of his nation's flag: Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap and second Bull Run, all in August, 1862; Chantilly (where he took command of his regiment), South Mountain (where he was second in command) and Antietam (where he was also second in command and was wounded), all in September, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, when his brigade charged the Rebels out of their entrenchments, and was under fire at the same place December 14th; under fire below Fredericksburg, April 30, 1863, and again May 2nd; at Chancellorsville May 3 and 4, 1863; was next in the Wilderness; was wounded at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, but kept on fighting on the 2nd and 3rd, having command of the regiment. He crossed the Rappahannock Aug. 1, 1863, and was at Mine Run November 28th, 30th and 30th; was at Spottsylvania May 16, 17, 18, 1864, at North Anna, May 23, and at Bethesda May 30; Tolopotamy, June 2nd; Shady Grove Church, June 3d; White Oak Swamp, June 12th; near Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, June 17th, and captured it June 18th; took the Weldon Railroad August 18. On Aug. 19, 1864, after sharp fighting, he was captured by the Rebels and confined in Libby prison until September, 1864, when he was shipped to Salisbury, N. C., and held until Oct. 15th; thence he was transferred to Danville, Va., and in February, 1865, was returned to Libby Prison, was exchanged, and arrived at Annapolis, Md., February 22nd; March 1, 1865, he was mustered out as stated above. He returned to Marietta and officiated as a magistrate until October, 1867, when he was sent to the Legislature by the Republican party, of which he was an ardent member.

Hon. Emanuel D. Roath has been twice married. At Elizabethtown, Pa., in the Reformed Church parsonage, he wedded Susan R. Hipple, who bore him two children: George H., of whom a full biography is given on another page; and Anna R., wife of Jacob Funk, of Marietta. Mrs. Susan R. (Hipple) Roath,

was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Anna Hipple, who came from Chester county in 1830 and were agricultural people; Mrs. Susan Roath died in 1854 at the age of twenty-eight years. In 1857, in Columbia, Mr. Roath married Harriet C. Young, a native of Marietta and a daughter of John and Catherine Young. She died in December, 1896, when forty-eight years old, leaving one child, Barcina H., wife of George Kame, a farmer of East Donegal.

In 1858 Mr. Roath was first elected as the representative of his district in the State Legislature and served one term; in 1868 he was again elected to this body, and again served one term. He has been an Odd Fellow for the past fifty-seven years, and is the oldest member of the order in Lancaster county. He is a past State Councillor of the Order of American Mechanics, and is a member of the National Council; he is also a past Worshipful Master of the F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar. Since 1865 he has been a vestryman of the Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. He was appointed brigade quartermaster of a brigade of the Lancaster county militia by Gen. Jacob Gross. For seven years he commanded a volunteer company of Maytown, called "The Jackson Fencibles," infantry. Mr. Roath has led a busy and useful life, and although now well advanced in years is still looked to for further service by a host of admiring friends.

JOSEPH C. YODER, D. D. S., whose well-appointed office is at No. 305 North Queen street, Lancaster, is a descendant of several of the oldest families in Pennsylvania. He is a son of Daniel C. and Elizabeth (Byler) Yoder, the former a farmer of Millin county.

The Yoder family is descended from Mrs. Barbara Yoder, a native of Switzerland, who landed in Philadelphia prior to 1727; her husband died on the voyage and was buried at sea. (See P. 10, J. D. Rupp's collection of 30,000 names of immigrants in Pennsylvania). Christian Yoder, a grandson of Barbara, became a farmer and married Esther Hertzler, who was born and raised in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county. By this marriage the Yoders and Hertzlers became most influential in Pennsylvania.

The Hertzler ancestors were originally from Switzerland. They made a stay of some years in France, but owing to religious persecution were obliged to find a new home. They were Amish Mennonites, or followers of Menno Simon. Jacob Hertzler, the ancestor of Mrs. Esther (Hertzler) Yoder, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "St. Andrew," and arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1730. He located in Berne township, Lancaster county (now Berks county), and on Jan. 9, 1750, purchased 182 acres and 30 perches of land from Richard and Thomas Penn, in Philadelphia, paying one dollar and a quarter an acre. This tract he named "Contentment." Between 1750 and 1773 he added other



tracts to his original purchase, making in all 404 acres and 4 perches. Nearly all of the Hertzlers have been agricultural people. The old homestead near Morgantown, Caernarvon township, is still in possession of the family, being occupied by Isaac Kurtz, whose wife was Elizabeth Hertzler, daughter of Daniel Hertzler. (See Hertzler Genealogy, pp. 238-240). This grand old place was visited by Dr. Yoder in the summer of 1900, and he found it in fine condition, with beautiful surroundings. The stone barn, supposed to have been built by the emigrant, Jacob, is in good state of preservation. There is also an old Pennock (Big Romanite) apple tree still hardy, which measures 10 feet 6 inches near the ground, and in September, 1902, it was estimated to have twenty-five bushels of apples.

The Byler family, with which Dr. Yoder is connected on his mother's side, was planted in America by a Swiss emigrant, who landed in Philadelphia Oct. 8, 1737, having crossed the sea in the vessel "Charming Folly" (See Hertzler Genealogy, p. 133.)

Dr. Joseph C. Yoder was born in Milfin county Dec. 21, 1844, and was reared on a farm. He served part of an apprenticeship at the harness maker's trade in Ohio, but his natural love of learning induced him to abandon that work and seek an education. Part of his school days were passed in Kishacoquillas Seminary, Milfin Co., Pa. For two winters he taught in the public schools in the Kishacoquillas Valley, and attended the Seminary in the summers. In September, 1860, at the close of the Civil war, he went South, and near Jonesboro, in Washington Co., Tenn., he organized the George Washington Seminary, and here one of his first pupils was the lady who afterward became his wife. Later, in 1867, he united with Prof. S. Z. Sharp, a graduate of the Millersville (Pa.) State Normal school, at Maryville, Tenn., sixteen miles south of Knoxville, where for two years he was the principal assistant.

While at Maryville, Mr. Yoder was united in marriage, July 21, 1869, with Seraphina Crosswhite, daughter of Elder Crosswhite, of Washington county, Tenn., the powerful pioneer preacher of the German Dunkards. The bride was a bright and cultured young woman, and for a year had been a most successful and popular teacher.

In 1870 Dr. Yoder went to Kansas City, Mo., where he engaged in teaching, and was later employed in the Armour Beef Packing Co. He was also engaged as weighmaster in a wholesale fur and hide establishment, and at various times as a book, fire insurance and fruit tree agent. In 1872, with his wife and son, Jesse D., he returned to his father-in-law's in Tennessee, and there taught school under the provision of the philanthropist George Peabody. While engaged in teaching he read medicine for three years under Drs. W. R. Sevier and E. L. Deadrick, of Jonesboro, but abandoned medicine for dentistry, becoming associated with Dr. John Lock, of Lewistown, Pa., a graduate of the Baltimore Col-

lege of Dental Surgery, class of 1845. After practicing dentistry in Milfin county for a time, he spent thirteen years of successful work in Huntingdon, Pa. In 1883 he passed an examination before a board of dental examiners, Dr. S. H. Guilford of Philadelphia, Dr. E. A. Magill of Erie (who was regarded as the father of dental associations in Pennsylvania), Dr. Jesse C. Green of Westchester, and Dr. Gerhart of Lewisburg, and was licensed a proficient dentist. In 1884 he opened an office in Lancaster determined to make that attractive city his permanent home, and he soon built up a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Yoder became the parents of three sons: (1) Jesse D., born in Kansas City, Mo., June 8, 1871, died when a lad. (2) Arthur Lee, born near Jonesboro, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1874, graduated in 1893 from the Juniata Normal College at Huntingdon, Pa., and in 1895 received the degree of M. E. and later B. S. from the Millersville State Normal. He taught school as first assistant at the Alexandria high school, at Huntingdon, and in the public schools near Mt. Joy. For two years he was principal of the Unionville high school, but resigned to attend Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., from which he was graduated in June, 1902, with the degree of A. B. During his college course he taught night school, read meters for the Electric Light Co., and also served as a conductor on the trolley cars. He also filled the position of teacher of the Scientific Class at the Millersville State Normal. In September, 1902, he began his duties as the head of the Scientific Department in the Steelton (Pa.) High school. (3) Ralph Earnest, born March 22, 1876, in Lewistown, Pa., was graduated in 1893 at the age of seventeen from the Juniata Normal College at Huntingdon, in the same class with his brother. He taught two schools in Huntingdon county, Pa., and became first assistant, as well as one of the organizers, with Dr. Hershey, of the Gap Academy in Lancaster county. For two years he taught in the public schools near Elizabethtown, and declined a third year in order to join his brother Arthur, and with him to enter Franklin and Marshall College. He graduated in June, 1902, with the degree of A. B. During his college course he was employed on the trolley cars as conductor and motorman. He is now principal of the Fulton township high school in Lancaster county. Both Arthur Lee and Ralph Earnest hold permanent State certificates as teachers.

Dr. Yoder is a man of deep religious convictions, and is an earnest worker in all religious movements. He is a member of the First Mennonite Church, corner of Diamond and Fifth streets, Philadelphia, and he is a member of the North American Mennonite Conference. Politically the Doctor was a Republican, having been a firm supporter of the martyred Lincoln, but is now a chartered member of the State Socialist party, having assisted in organizing and placing a Socialist ticket in the field. He is one of the county Socialist campaign speakers.





Mrs. Yoder and Arthur L. are members of the progressive Dunkards, belonging to a church in Philadelphia. Ralph E. Yoder is a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, the congregation meeting in the chapel in Franklin and Marshall College. Mrs. Yoder is a lady of culture, and has been a potent factor in the intellectual life of this city, being editor-in-chief of the Woman's edition of *The Lancaster Examiner*, for the benefit of the General Hospital in Lancaster, an enterprise that netted over \$600 for this worthy object. At another time she was the business manager for the Woman's edition of *The New Era*, for the benefit of the W. C. T. U., of Lancaster, from which the sum of \$500 was realized. These ventures were the first of the kind in this part of the country, and elicited close criticism which was followed by warm admiration for the signal ability displayed by Mrs. Yoder and her two collaborators, Misses Anna M. and Mary Martin. The late Dr. William H. Egle, then State Librarian of Pennsylvania, wrote Mrs. Yoder a very complimentary letter, asked for a copy of this special edition of *The Examiner* and placed it among the archives of the State Library.

REES CLEMENS HIMES, in his life time a successful merchant and farmer, was born Jan. 8, 1800, in Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., and he died on Spring Run farm in Lancaster county, May 18, 1849, and his remains were interred in the Bellevue Presbyterian Church cemetery, of which church he was a member and trustee.

Thomas and Catherine (Clemens) Himes, his parents, were of Welsh extraction, and were old and respected residents of Chester county. Thomas Himes died in April, 1808, aged fifty years, three months and seventeen days. His wife died March 5, 1851, aged eighty years, ten months and thirteen days. Their children, all now deceased, were as follows: George W., who married Joanna Sturges; Thomas, who married Susan Himes (of no known relationship), and was a prominent man in his day, being the manager of the Margaretta Iron Furnace; Eliza, who became the wife of Thomas Whistler; Hannah, who wedded John Livergood; Maria, who married Amos Kinzer; and Rees Clemens.

The early life of Rees C. Himes was one of adventure and stirring incident. In association with his brother George W. he became the possessor of a lead mine at Galena, Ill., and if conditions and transportation had been as they now are, there is no doubt but the mine would have proved of immense value. At that time, however, work was necessarily slow, as while one brother worked at getting out the lead, the other had to guard it from thieves, and so, before any material benefit accrued, the brothers became disheartened and abandoned the enterprise. Their next adventure was in the purchase of land on the site of the present great city of St. Louis, Mo., but their operations were much disturbed by the hostility of the Indians. For some time Mr. Himes operated a

grist and flour mill and did some farming, but later the brothers returned to Chester county. The first white child born in the city of Galena, Ill., was Louisa daughter of George Himes and wife. In 1827 Mr. Himes embarked in the mercantile business in Hatfield, Lancaster county, but in 1831 he bought the fine farm now occupied by his daughters, and remained there during the balance of his life. This property is known as Spring Run farm, and comprises 110 acres of valuable land within one and one-half miles of Gap. It is now owned and managed by the three daughters of Mr. Himes, and is one of the most valuable farms in the locality.

On Dec. 17, 1820, at the home of the bride, in Paradise township, Rees C. Himes was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Eckert, and to this union these children were born: Clinton, who married Sophia McVaine Negley, and is a resident of Salisbury township; George Clemens, who died young; Cecelia A., who married Rees C. Himes, a prominent and wealthy farmer residing in Shippensburg; Misses Anna C., Susan A. and Martha L., who all reside on the old farm; Newton T., who died young; and Rees L., a justice of the peace, who resides in Kinzers and married Margaret Eckert.

Mrs. Sarah (Eckert) Himes was born Nov. 21, 1811, in Paradise township, Lancaster county, and died Aug. 22, 1890, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She was a consistent member of Bellevue Presbyterian Church for many years. Her parents were George and Susan (Kerns) Eckert of Lancaster county, where the former was a farmer, and for many years a well-known miller in Paradise township. For years before his death, on Feb. 27, 1829, at the age of fifty-five years, five months and nine days, he had given up business cares into the hands of his son, Louis. His widow survived until June 14, 1840, her age being sixty-five years, eleven months and twenty-four days. They were buried in the cemetery attached to the German Reformed Church in New Holland, both being members of that religious body. Their children were as follows: Jacob, who married Hannah Varus; Henry, who married Elizabeth McNeal; Lewis, who married Sarah Slaymaker; Catherine, who married Henry Kinzer; Ann, who married James McVaine; and Sarah, who became the wife of Mr. Himes.

When the Himes brothers started to Galena, Ill., they made the trip on horseback. Later George returned to Chester county and married and returned with his wife, this trip being made by wagon. Among the many gifts from home that went out to what was then far West, was a choice set of gilt-edged china, and as a remarkable fact it was not broken on the way and still is in a good state of preservation, and is carefully cherished in the possession of Rees C. Himes, a son, now of Shippensburg.

REV. JACOB R. HERSHEY. The Hershey family is not only one of the most prominent, but also one of the oldest, families in Lancaster county.



having been founded by three brothers of the name, in 1709, who came hither from their home in Switzerland. Its descendants have been noted for their excellence as farmers, their intelligence and morality as citizens, and for their influence in the Mennonite Church.

Rev. Jacob R. Hershey of Salisbury township is a worthy descendant of this family, perpetuating the name of his grandfather Jacob Hershey, who was long a well-known farmer of Salisbury township. Jacob Hershey, the grandfather, married Anna Newcomer, and they had children: John, Christian, Abraham and Joseph. The father of these children died in 1825, at the age of eighty years, his widow surviving until 1830, when she died at the age of eighty-one years.

Bishop Joseph Hershey, son of Jacob, was for many years a bishop in the Mennonite Church, and by precept and example promulgated his belief. His home was on the old Hershey estate, in Salisbury township, where he died, in 1856, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, died April 19, 1887, aged eighty-nine years and ten months, and was laid to rest by her husband's side in the old Hershey cemetery, in Salisbury township, this quiet spot having been a part of the original estate. The children born to this union were: Rev. Jacob R.; Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; Barbara, deceased, who was the wife of David Hoover; Anna, who died young.

Rev. Jacob R. Hershey, son of Bishop Joseph and Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, was born on his present farm, Aug. 9, 1817, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. For many years he was a well-known agriculturist, retiring from active work in that line in 1877. Brought up under Christian influences, in a pious and godly home, with noble examples before him in his beloved parents, the young man early professed his faith, and became a minister in the Mennonite Church. In 1858 he was ordained to the work, and for forty-four years he has been a faithful worker in the field of usefulness in which he was placed. He is known and much beloved over a wide extent of territory, and particularly in the Old Road Hershey and Paradise charges, where his labors have been much blessed. Although no politician, his sympathies have always been with the Republican party. For a long period he served as school director. Except four years on a neighboring farm, the one he now occupies has always been his home. Here he is surrounded by all that makes advanced life comfortable, the center of loving relatives and friends, and he appears much younger than many of his contemporaries, as he reads without glasses, hears without effort, and in every way shows that Time has yet touched him very gently.

On Nov. 29, 1839, in Lancaster, Rev. Hershey was married to Margaret Eby, born July 14, 1810, in Salisbury township, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Wever) Eby, and sister of Bishop Peter

Eby or Bishop Isaac Eby, of Paradise township, elsewhere in this volume). To Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey were born nine children, of whom we have the following record: Josiah; Magdalena, wife of John R. Buckwalter, of Kinzers, Pa.; Peter, who went West, and has never been heard from; Ephraim, a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary, who married Christian Metzler, a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob E., a farmer in Salisbury township; Susan, wife of John S. Rohrer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lizzie, who died young; and Margaret, deceased.

EPHRAIM HERSHEY, third son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey, was born on the old homestead in Salisbury township, Dec. 6, 1844. Until his marriage he remained under the parental roof, at that time taking charge of the old homestead and carrying on the farming operations there for three years. Then he removed to his present farm of ninety-three acres, which he has developed in the same excellent manner. In his locality he is much esteemed, and he and family belong to the Mennonite Church. He belongs to no political party, casting his vote as he deems best for all concerned.

On Jan. 1, 1867, Mr. Hershey was married to Susan E. Leaman, of Paradise township, and to this union were born the following children: Ira, a farmer of Salisbury township, married Sarah Kreider, and has six children; Emma M., who married John G. Wenger, has four children and lives in Salisbury township; Frank B., who married Lydia W. Buckwalter, is a farmer in Salisbury township; and Omer E., Elam W., Ephraim K., Jacob R., Jr., and Alice W., all are at home. Mrs. Susan E. (Leaman) Hershey was born May 3, 1845, in Leacock township, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Buckwalter) Leaman, the former of whom was a farmer, and for many years a school director of East Lampeter township. He died in 1801, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in Mellinger's cemetery, near Lancaster. His widow resides in Paradise township, with her daughter Mrs. John Kreider. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leaman were members of the Mennonite Church.

JACOB E. HERSHEY, general farmer, was born in Salisbury township, on his father's farm, Sept. 13, 1836, son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey. He was reared to farm life, and has followed agricultural pursuits exclusively on this farm, all his active life, with the exception of three years spent on a neighboring estate. Mr. Hershey, like the other members of his family, is highly esteemed as a man of honesty and reliability, and belongs to a family which is one of the most substantial in this part of Lancaster county. He has taken a deep interest in educational matters, and has served as school director for the past fifteen years. In politics he is a Republican. With his family he belongs to and assists in supporting the Mennonite Church.

On Oct. 26, 1876, in Lancaster, Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Mary Esbenshade, and the children





born to this union were as follows: Herbert, at home; Clayton, who married Ella Buchwalter has one child, and lives in Paradise township; Milton, Elwood, Bertha, Mabel, Edna and Margerie are at home; and Willis died young.

Mrs. Mary (Esbenshade) Hershey, was born in Earl township, Nov. 25, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Bushong) Esbenschade, of Lancaster county, both of whom died in East Earl township, where they were farming people all their lives. The father of Mrs. Hershey died in 1898, aged sixty-nine years, and the mother died in August, 1901, aged seventy-one years. Both parents were interred in Eaby's cemetery in Upper Leacock township, having long been members of the German Baptist Church. They had these children born to them besides Mary, the wife of Jacob E. Hershey: Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of John Koehel; Sarah, the wife of Rife Myers, a farmer of Earl township; Emma, the wife of Frank Buskwalter, of Paradise township; Susan, the wife of Elam Kreider, of West Leacock township; Lydia, the wife of Martin Ebersole, of Paradise township; Amanda, the wife of Walter Mays, of East Earl township; and Adam, a farmer of East Earl township.

**HENRY M. BRENEMAN** (deceased). Though the temporal life of Henry M. Breneman was ended while he was yet comparatively young in years, having scarcely more than passed his forty-seventh birthday—a time in the career of an earnest and successful man when the future looks bright, when effort is redoubled and the glimmer of hope points to a season of rest and enjoyment in the distant years to come, as the fruition of worthy achievement—yet even in the brief span of time, encompassed by the life of this exceeding well-doer, an impression for good was made by the influences radiating from his kindly and ennobled nature, wider and more lasting than can be readily perceived or measured. Aided by a devoted, intelligent, capable and cultured wife, he won recognition as one of the substantial, progressive and worthy representatives of Lancaster county.

Henry M. Breneman was born in Manor township March 10, 1832, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Breneman. The parents were prominent and life-long residents of Lancaster county, where they reared a family of nine children, and lived to a good old age. These children were as follows: Nancy, widow of Abner Bausman, of Millersville, Pa.; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Herr, of East Hempfield township; Barbara, wife of Henry Bausman, of Manor township; Jacob, of East Hempfield township; John, of California; Abraham and Kate, twins, the former a resident of Coldwater, Mich., the latter the deceased wife of Isaac Groff; Henry M.; and Sarah, deceased wife of Isaac Bannberger.

Henry M. Breneman was reared on his father's farm and followed through life that vocation. He received in his youth a good common school educa-

tion, and then seriously devoted himself to the life work so prematurely closed by death. He married in Lancaster county, Nov. 25, 1862, Miss Anna M. Greider, a native of West Hempfield township, and, as the daughter of Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider, the representative of an old and prominent family of Lancaster county.

Christian Greider was one of the old and influential citizens of Lancaster county, son of John Greider, who for many years was a farmer and miller in West Hempfield township. Christian was born about 1790, and followed agriculture until well advanced in life, when he retired, spending his last twenty years in the peace and comfort that crowned many active and successful years. He died in 1889, aged ninety years. His wife, Susannah Miller, preceded him to the grave many years, passing away in 1864, aged fifty-seven years. They were faithful and prominent members of the Mennonite church, and were buried in the Landisville cemetery of that denomination. Susannah was the daughter of Benjamin Miller, a life-long farmer of Rapho township, and a member of the Mennonite church. To Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider were born children as follows: John M., who died in Ohio; Christian, who died on the old farm; Benjamin, who was a lumberman, coal merchant and maltster at Mt. Joy, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Mellinger, and died in Virginia; Martha, who died young; Mary, who died in infancy; Jacob M., a retired farmer of West Hempfield township; Susan, wife of Andrew Garber, of West Hempfield township; Anna M., widow of Henry M. Breneman; Mary, who for her first husband married Christian Rohrer, and is now the wife of John S. Nissley, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Barbara, wife of Jacob McAllister, a farmer of Pequet township; and Amos M., a farmer, now residing on the old homestead. The family was more than ordinarily active mentally, as shown by the fact that three of the sons taught school.

To Henry M. and Anna M. (Greider) Breneman was born a family of seven children, namely: Susan G., wife of W. L. Heisey, a merchant and extensive farmer of West Donegal township; Barbara, who died aged five years; Christian G., a farmer of Rapho township; Phares, a dealer in flour, grain and feed, at Columbia; Amos, at home; Henry, deceased; and Abraham, at home.

In 1877 Henry M. Breneman purchased and moved to the farm of ninety acres in West Hempfield township, now occupied by his widow. Here he died two years later, April 1, 1879, aged forty-seven years. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and in religion he held to the Mennonite faith of his forefathers. He had won the respect and high esteem of the people of Lancaster county through the many sterling traits of character exemplified by his daily life. His widow and their younger sons continue to occupy the home he had so briefly possessed, and in addition to general farming they successfully conducted there, from 1892 to 1901, an extensive





dairy business. They are communicants in the old Mennonite church, and influential members of the social life of West Hempfield township.

**DANIEL HERR** (Pequea). The name of Herr is inseparably connected with the moral and material growth of Lancaster county. Members of the family have for many years held honored places in the communities in which they have made their homes.

The house of Herr is an ancient one. The family is of free or noble origin, and its "knights were brave and worthy." Large and valuable estates were owned in Schwabach, called Herrn of Bilried. The founder of the family was known as "Knight Hugo," the Herr or lord of Bilried. As far back as 1000 flourished a widely known family from whom the Herrs are descended, but in the fifteenth century several members resigned their nobility and joined the ranks of the citizens. These, however, retained their noble name and their coat of arms, as is shown by records in 1593, when John Herr, or Herr of Bilried, was granted by Emperor Ferdinand, a written testimonial, proving the right of his family to their coat of arms, and to their free and noble descent to the latest generation. By this testimonial the coat of arms yet rightly belongs to the family. All this is recorded in the Register of Noble Families, with their Coats of Arms, Book 5, Page 258.

In direct line from this ancient and honorable family comes Daniel Herr (Pequea), the subject of this sketch. The founder of the family in America was Hans Herr who emigrated from Switzerland. John Herr, son of Hans, became the father of Rev. John, and Rev. John, by his wife Frances became the father of Christian. Christian Herr married Maria Bowman, and their son, Rev. Christian married Anna Forrer.

Daniel Herr (Pequea) was born in 1818, son of Rev. Christian and Anna (Forrer) Herr, and was reared in West Lampeter township. He began his early active business career on a farm of 100 acres, now the property of his daughter Mrs. C. S. B. Herr in Strasburg township, located near the village of Refton. At several times he added small tracts to the original farm, and made his home on this place during his life. Although he began life as a farmer, and devoted attention to agricultural pursuits all his life, this did not by any means bar the way to other large and important enterprises. Soon after starting out on his own responsibility, he began the manufacture of grain drills, the first that were used in this part of the State of Pennsylvania, and was engaged thus for many years, during which time he also opened up a business in lime burning, and this became an important industry, his product being in demand over a very large territory. He was awarded the contract for the lime used in the construction of the Millersville State Normal School, and many other equally large contracts. In addition to these interests, Daniel Herr

became an investor in the pine lands in Potter county and the manufacture of lumber there, and later became a director in the Beaver Creek Lumber Co., of West Virginia, which at that time operated a tract of 10,000 acres, although of late years it has greatly increased its acreage. He was the owner of one-half of this land less one-eighteenth, and was one of the founders and first directors of this valuable company. He founded the village of Refton, and was one of the founders and a director of the Lancaster & Quarryville R. R. Co., as well as one of the founders of the Beaver Creek R. R. Co., of West Virginia. He was also founder and director with others of the Beaver Valley Turnpike road, besides being a large land owner in Lancaster county.

In financial circles Daniel Herr was an important factor; he was one of the originators of the Strasburg National Bank, and for years was one of its directors; he was a director in the Northern Mutual Insurance Co., and was one of the trustees of the Millersville State Normal school. At his death he left to his estate, with other large properties, eight-eighths of an interest in the large tract of land in West Virginia, consisting of both coal and timber land of great value. Politically he was an Old Line Whig, and later became a Republican, and was actively identified with the public affairs of the county, serving as treasurer, during the term of 1857, and for several terms as director of the Poor and a member of the school board. His death occurred Oct. 19, 1891. During the latter part of his life he was a member of the Mennonite Church which had benefited by his benefactions, and in which he was known for his admirable traits of Christian character.

Daniel Herr married Anna C. Brenneman, daughter of Henry Brenneman, and they had a family of five children: Henry B., who died in childhood; Enos B., who died Sept. 19, 1869; Lizzie A., who is the widow of C. S. B. Herr, and resides in West Lampeter township; Reuben D., mentioned below; and one that died in infancy.

REUBEN D. HERR, the only surviving son of his parents, became his father's assistant and supporter in many of his varied enterprises. He was born July 7, 1850, and after completing the common school course he entered the Lititz Academy, and then spent one term, during 1868, at the Saintjers Military Academy, in preparation for a college course, but the death of his brother recalled him home, and he then took charge of the work which his brother Enos had managed—the farming and lime burning—and continued until 1875, when he discontinued the latter industry. Later he opened up a coal and lumber business in Refton, and managed that in connection with his farming for one year, but finding the accumulation of business too large, he discontinued personally to direct matters on the farm. About December, 1878, he became the agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., at Refton, and remained with that company from



1875 to 1881, and later was engaged in various enterprises, including that of commercial traveler and collector, but much of his time was employed in looking after his father's affairs, and since the death of the latter, as trustee and executor, his time has been fully occupied. For the past eighteen years he has managed a trucking business, finding a market in the city of Lancaster for the produce of his small farm of thirty acres in Refton, but the output from his successful green-houses is shipped to distant parts of the country.

For a number of years Mr. Herr was a director in the First National Bank, of Strasburg, and he is also financially connected with the lumber manufacturing industry in West Virginia, and in mining bituminous coal. Inheriting much of the energy and business capacity of his father, he, like him, is a progressive, broad-gauged man, esteemed and respected by business associates and the community in which he has lived so long.

Reuben D. Herr has been twice married, his first union being to Harriet Musselman, daughter of John Musselman. At her death, on May 30, 1878, she left two children, Miriam M., who married D. W. Patterson, of Philadelphia; and Carolyn M. His second marriage was to H. Louisa Coho, daughter of John Lee Coho, of Schuylkill county, and who died Nov. 9, 1900. To this union was born one child—Clair C., who resides with his father in the old family home in Refton.

**FREDERICK STONER** (deceased) was born Feb. 22, 1799, one mile southwest of Central Manor, Lancaster county, son of Christian and Anna (Bremenian) Stoner, and died Sept. 4, 1877. He was a farmer, and in politics was a Whig. Of the family of eleven children born to Frederick and Elizabeth Stoner six grew to maturity, viz.: Christian, a blacksmith, who settled in Cumberland county, and died in February, 1868; Frederick, of whom further mention will be made; John, who was shot at his home during the Civil war, supposedly by accident; Bernard, a carpenter by trade, and later a farmer and hotelkeeper of Manor township; Levi, a wheelwright at Mountville; and Mary Ann, deceased wife of Benjamin Young, also of Manor township.

Frederick Stoner, son of Frederick, was born Dec. 7, 1818, in the home now occupied by Daniel H. Mellinger, at Central Manor, and on March 14, 1836, began learning the wheelwright's trade at Millersville, with Jacob R. Barr. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked one month as a journeyman, and then, in May, 1839, rented a small shop about a mile from his home, and for one year carried on business on his own account. Mr. Stoner next erected a shop on his homestead, where he carried on his business five years, and in 1845 erected a shop at Central Manor which is still standing, and is now utilized as a wagon factory. Until 1885 Frederick Stoner did a large business in wagon manufacturing, and also in repairing threshing machines,

horse powers, grain cradles, etc., and, being a natural mechanic, he erected on his homestead of seven and a half acres, besides his shop, two good frame dwellings, and remodeled another frame and brick, having now four neat and substantial tenements, which are rented.

On Dec. 24, 1844, Frederick Stoner married Miss Sarah S. Mann, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Mann. She passed away August 8, 1886, at the age of sixty-eight years, seven months, thirteen days. They had a family of six children, born in the following order: Caroline M., who died in childhood; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Abraham R. Myers, of Steelton, Pa.; Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; Catherine, who passed away when nineteen years old; John J., who died at the age of five years and six months; and Albert M., of Central Manor, who was born July 10, 1860, and married Fannie Shenk, daughter of Abram L. Shenk.

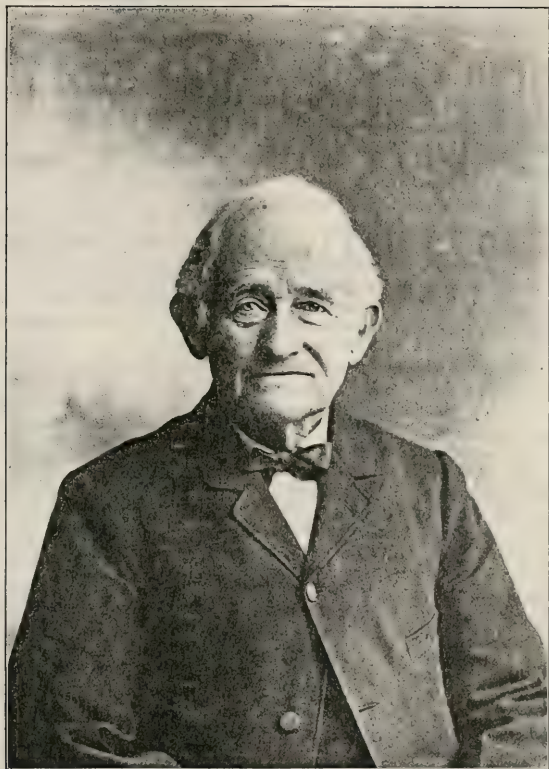
**JOHN G. TANGER.** The general aspect of prosperity and activity noted through Lancaster county is due in great measure to the energy and industry of her agricultural residents. Among those farmer citizens who have done much to advance the interests of the county, may be mentioned John G. Tanger, a substantial citizen, who owns a most desirable estate of sixty-two acres, located a short distance east of the borough of Strasburg.

Andrew Tanger, the father of John G. Tanger, was born in Willowstreet, and remained there until his death, this sad event taking place when he was about twenty-nine years of age. During the time he lived there, he conducted a hotel in the village. His family is an old one in Cumberland county, many of its members being distinguished in public affairs. Andrew Tanger married Catherine Gall, a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Groff) Gall, of Willowstreet, and she survived until 1875. By her marriage with Andrew Tanger, Mrs. Tanger became the mother of five children: Ann, who married Samuel Rowe, of Drumore township; Catherine, who is the widow of David Donichy, and lives at Christiana; Andrew, of Strasburg; John, who died an infant; and John G., of this biography. Mrs. Tanger married for her second husband, David Mowery, of Strasburg township, and was the mother of five more children: Amanda, who married Jacob Hostetter, of Strasburg township; Mary, who is the widow of Christian Groff, of Providence township; Sarah, who died early in life; Martin, a merchant in Philadelphia; and David, a resident of Hawkesville, in Eden township.

John G. Tanger was born June 11, 1836, and was reared to farm life, obtaining but limited school opportunities. At the age of eleven years he began to work with the neighboring farmers for his clothes and board, and at the age of fifteen he was thrown completely upon his own resources. Understanding farm work better than anything else, he continued in this line, working by the month, or season, at differ-







*Frederick Stoner*



at places, making three trips thus through the West, but in 1874 he returned to Strasburg township, and purchased the valuable farm which he now occupies. At present this farm is one that would command a very high price if placed upon the market, as Mr. Tanager has put time, strength and money into the many permanent improvements which he has made, resulting in the excellent conditions which exist.

On Nov. 27, 1873, John G. Tanager was married to Mary A. Huber, a daughter of Michael L. and Mary (Baer) Huber, who was born in Lancaster township in November, 1845. Two children have been born of this union: Landis, born March 10, 1875, who received his education in the Millersville State Normal school, graduating in the class of 1898, and in the normal course in 1900, has been a teacher in the public schools for the past six years, and has been principal of the Millersburg (Dauphin Co.) High school since September, 1900; and Jacob, born Oct. 6, 1880, graduated from the Millersville State Normal school in 1902, and is also engaged in teaching. Both Mr. Tanager and his estimable wife are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, and possess the esteem of all with whom they are acquainted, in public or private life.

**GEORGE F. BAKER.** Among the prominent and successful farmers, loyal citizens and representative business men of Lancaster county, is George F. Baker, of Sadsbury township, a worthy member of one of the leading families of Chester county. He was born at Doe Run, Chester county, Feb. 7, 1839, son of Jehu and Martha (McHarg) Baker.

The Baker family originally came from England. The great-grandparents of George F. were Aaron and Sarah (Hayes) Baker, well known members of the Society of Friends in Chester county.

John Baker, son of Aaron, lived and died in West Marlborough township, Chester county, his death occurring there Nov. 13, 1812, at the early age of thirty years. His widow, Mary McNeil, was born in 1779, a daughter of William and Mary (Bailey) McNeil, of Chester county, and of English and Irish extraction. She died in May, 1870, the mother of the following children: Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1805, married Reuben Miller, and died in April, 1878; Aaron, born Oct. 22, 1807, married Alice Leonard, and died in January, 1888; and Jehu, the father of George F.

Jehu Baker, son of John and father of George F., was born in West Marlborough township, Chester county, June 18, 1800, and died in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, Jan. 18, 1881.

In Colerain township, on May 22, 1834, by Rev. Andrew Murphy, a Methodist clergyman, Jehu Baker was married to Martha McHarg, and the children born to this union were: John, who was one of the gallant soldiers of the Civil war, a member of the First Pa. Reserves, gave up his young life to his country, at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862; Louise, who resides on the old homestead;

George F. is mentioned below; and Mary R., the youngest, married Elwood P. Pownall, a farmer of Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Martha (McHarg) Baker was born at Doe Run, Chester county, March 22, 1810; she died Feb. 21, 1883, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Mount Pleasant cemetery, in Sadsbury township. She was a daughter of William and Hannah (Conner) McHarg, of County Derry, Ireland, the former of whom came to America alone in 1793, when eighteen years of age and later his future wife came across the Atlantic with her parents. Mr. McHarg became employed in an iron foundry, and died in 1838, at the age of sixty-five years, his wife dying in 1820, at the age of forty-three years. The children born to William McHarg and wife were: John; Mary, who married George Fritz; Nancy, who married David Irvin; James, who married Margaret Rogers, of Oxford, Chester county; Margaret and Rebecca, twins, the former of whom married Levi Baker, and the latter died unmarried, at the age of seventy-four; Martha, who became Mrs. Jehu Baker; Sarah, who married Jacob Bryan; William, who married Hope Pettit, of Reading, Pa.; Hannah, who became the widow of Daniel Tucker, of Philadelphia; and Hiram, who died young. All of this family have passed away with the exception of Hannah Tucker, who resides in Philadelphia in her eighty-eighth year.

Jehu Baker was engaged in farming all his life, growing up under the care of his grandfather McNeil, as his own father died when he was but three years old. When he was about eighteen, in company with his brother Aaron, he took charge of the old homestead farm which had been in the family for many years, and the brothers operated the farm together until the marriage of Jehu, at which time he sold his interest to Aaron, and in 1834, purchased a farm on Doe Run, in Chester county. There he remained until April, 1839, and in 1843 came to the present farm which his son now occupies. Jehu Baker was a most estimable man, honest and upright in all his dealings. His progenitors were Friends and he adhered to the principles of that denomination, but was not a member of the society. In politics he adhered to the principles of the Republican party. His influence was ever given in favor of educational and moral movements, and no man in his neighborhood better represented the leading and best citizens of the county. The beautiful old homestead is the property of George F. Baker and his sister, Louise, is well managed and is considered one of the most valuable estates in the township.

One of the first and loyal patriots to answer to the call of his country, in those days of wild alarm and dire distress when Rebellion lifted its head, was George F. Baker, who enlisted on June 10, 1861, and saw service under General McClellan in the great Peninsular campaign, and was wounded in an engagement in front of Richmond. Later he was among the brave and gallant soldiers at South



Mountain and Antietam, and received an honorable discharge. After the close of the war, Mr. Baker returned to his home in Lancaster county and engaged in farming. He also began to teach school, continuing for twenty terms, and finally resigned his position in 1881. In 1889 he came to his present fine farm, adjacent to the old homestead, although in 1888 he had become interested in the conduct of a general store at Andrews Bridge, in Colerain township, continuing here until 1891. Mr. Baker has been one of the progressive, energetic and intelligent men of this locality, and has taken a deep interest in the management of the schools, serving as a director for twenty-seven years. In politics he belongs to the Republican party, and has been township assessor, efficiently filling the duties of the office.

Mr. Baker was married, first, in 1844, Nancy J. Thurston becoming his wife. The children born to this union were: John A., a park guard at Willow Grove, Pa., married Eva J. Fuld, and has two children, William R. and George E.; William A. died in 1890; Martha L., who married H. K. Givin, a farmer of Sadsbury township, has two children, Thurston L. and Jean Gertrude; and Hannah G., a teacher, resides with her aunt Louise, on the old homestead. Mrs. Baker was born in Ontario and died in 1880 at the age of forty-two years. She was a daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Boughner) Thurston, of Ontario.

In March, 1892, Mr. Baker was married to his present wife, Mrs. Amanda Althouse, who manages the affairs of his household with much regard for his comfort. She was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1858, a daughter of Isaac and Levina (Penegar) Albright, of Lancaster county. Mr. Albright was the manager of the well-known "Red Lion Hotel," in Sadsbury township for some twenty years, giving this hospitality up about one year prior to his death, in 1888, at the age of sixty-eight years; he was supervisor of the township at that time. Mrs. Albright survived until 1899, dying at the age of seventy-three. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Albright were: William, a farmer of Chester county; Benjamin, deceased; Newton, a farmer of this township; Ananda, who is Mrs. Baker; Elizabeth, who married George Graham, of this township; and Jennie, who married Fred. Arnold, a carpenter, in Lancaster.

The first marriage of Mrs. Baker was to John Allen, Jr., and the children born to this marriage were: Mary, who married William Dinkelberg, a railroad carpenter, of Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, who married Ira Dorsey, of Lenover, Pa. The second marriage of Mrs. Baker was to David Althouse, and the children born to this union were: Charles G., at home; Herman G., of Parkesburg, Pa.; A. Wesley, a farmer of Atglen, Pa.; and Amy E., at home. Mr. Althouse was born in Eden township, a son of Woodward and Mary (Harsh) Althouse, of Lancaster county, and died at the age of thirty-seven years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker are prominent members of the Methodist Church, and are highly esteemed in this locality for their generous hospitality and many estimable qualities. Few families are better known or more justly belong to the representative people of Lancaster county.

JOHN WILSON (deceased). Whether long life wins success in agricultural pursuits, or whether the days of the prosperous farmer are naturally lengthened, instances have been common where types of highest physical manhood and types of that sterling character essential to good farming have united in the same individual. A splendid instance of this combination was afforded in the life of John Wilson, one of the oldest and best known residents of Drumore township. He lived to the age of ninety years, and he ranked among the most highly respected and most prominent farmers of that township.

James Wilson, his father, was a sturdy, influential farmer of York county, Pa., who attained the ripe old age of ninety-two years. His wife, a Miss Hutchinson, of Chester county, Pa., lived to the age of seventy-nine years.

John Wilson was born in Fawn township, York county, in 1796. He was reared in his native county, and under the capable and inspiring direction of his father he acquired an inclination and skill for farming. In 1820 he married Miss Charlotte Watt, a native of Chester county, daughter of John and Margaret (Mucully) Watt, natives of Chester and Lancaster counties, respectively. John Watt bore arms for the Colonial cause during the Revolutionary struggle, and afterward settled down to the pursuits of farming. He died about 1876.

John Wilson, in 1824, removed with his young wife to Lancaster county, there to establish amidst new surroundings his future home. He purchased 156 acres of land in Drumore township and devoted his energies to their cultivation. His success was far above the average. He became one of the prosperous and prominent men of the county. With a taste for his vocation, he sought no preferment beyond; and his political career, aside from the interest which he ever took in political and social affairs of the community, was limited to the casting of 18 ballots. Himself and wife were earnest and active members of the United Presbyterian church. The death of his beloved helpmeet which occurred in May, 1874, after a half century of wedded life, was a serious blow, and from that time he retired from the active management of his properties, and enjoyed the peace and rest of retirement from routine work which he had so richly won in his long and successful career. He survived his wife twelve years, passing away July 4, 1886, aged ninety years. Both are buried in Chestnut Level cemetery, where a beautiful shaft marks their resting place. Their lives had shone with the graces and noble attributes of true Christianity and their loss, even in the meekness





of old age, brought a shock to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who had been helped and inspired by their righteousness and many kindnesses of disposition. Two children were born to John and Charlotte Wilson: James M., a retired farmer of Coreysville; and John David, now a resident of Lancaster.

JOHN DAVID WILSON, the younger of these two children, was born Aug. 11, 1825, and he remained on the farm until thirty years of age, then removed to the city of Lancaster, where he devoted himself to business and politics, becoming one of the active and prominent factors in the life of the city. Ill health had marked his boyhood and youth and his education was received chiefly in the neighboring schools. His mercantile career began in Drumore—his native township—where for four years he conducted a general store, thence in the fall of 1860 he removed to Lancaster. Later he entered the sheriff's office. For eleven years he was deputy sheriff, and for seventeen years was connected with court house work. He has engaged profitably in various business enterprises, and in 1879 retired from active work. Mr. Wilson is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He has traveled extensively, possesses a broad culture, a keen business ability, and he ranks high among the prosperous and influential men of the city.

HIESTAND. The Hiestand family of East Hempfield township descends from John, or Johannes Hiestand, who prior to 1800 located on a tract of timber land just northeast of Salunga, of which tract the present Hiestand homestead or farm is a part—the original tract having been divided into four farms. A farmer himself, he passed all his days in the active pursuit of agriculture until he retired. John Hiestand was three times married, but of the first two wives nothing is now known, except the fact that by one or both of them there were six children born, viz.: John, Christopher, Abraham, Susan, Barbara and Maria. By his third and last wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Good, there were born seven children, who were named as follows: Jacob, Mary, Magdalene, Sarah, Catherine, Henry and Benjamin, of whom Henry is the only survivor, and who now occupies the old farm and homestead established by John, the pioneer, and by him improved with its present substantial buildings. The barn, which was destroyed by fire not long since, bore the date of 1801, while the dwelling, which is still standing, bears the date of 1804.

Jacob Hiestand, eldest born of the seven children of John and Catherine (Good) Hiestand, was born on this farm in 1814, and first confined his labor to the cultivation of the place, but later engaged in the coal and lumber business at Salunga, but did not entirely relinquish the supervision of his farm, which he cultivated by hired help. Jacob Hiestand was one of the most public spirited and progressive men of the county, and was a trustee in the Mennon-

ite church. He married Elizabeth Stehman, who was born in 1820, and died in 1861, the mother of ten children: John; Henry S., of whom mention is made in the sketch of Simon H. Hiestand; Catherine, deceased wife of Christian Swarr; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Amos Lehman; Sarah, wife of Daniel Kready, of Manor township; Barbara, married to Abraham Harnish; Mary, now Mrs. Christian Musselman; Susan, deceased wife of Christian Swartley; Annie, wife of Phares Musselman; and Fannie, who died unmarried.

Henry S. Hiestand, son of Jacob, received a sound common school education, and at twenty-six years of age began farming on his own account on his present farm of 110 acres, and continued the calling until 1899, when he retired. His marriage to Miss Fanny Herr took place Nov. 11, 1870; she was born in 1849, and was a daughter of Christian and Mary (Hostetter) Herr, both of whom are now deceased.

SIMON H. HIESTAND, a thriving young general merchant, postmaster and agent for the Adams Express Co. and for the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Association, at Salunga, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield township, June 22, 1873, son of Henry S. and Fanny H. (Herr) Hiestand, natives of East Hempfield and Rapho townships, respectively.

Henry S. Hiestand, father of Simon H., was born in 1853, was reared a farmer and is now living retired on the old homestead in East Hempfield township. Mrs. Fanny H. Hiestand passed away in 1861, at the age of forty-one years, a member of the Mennonite Church, and was buried in Landisville, this county. The children born to Henry S. Hiestand and wife were seven in number, and were named as follows: Amos H., farming on the old homestead; Simon H., whose name opens this sketch; Anna H., Albert, Lizzie; Fanny and Henry, Jr., all at home.

Simon H. Hiestand lived on the home farm until seventeen years old, meanwhile receiving the usual district school education, and then entered the Lancaster Business College, from which he was graduated in due course, and he then entered the branch house of Wanamaker & Brown at Harrisburg, in order to become acquainted with the business, and after traveling two years for the same firm, he, on Jan. 1, 1895, opened his present store at Salunga.

On March 26, 1895, Simon H. Hiestand married, in East Lampeter township, Miss Bertha M. Denlinger, who has borne him two children: Victor D., deceased; and Verne E. Mrs. Bertha M. (Denlinger) Hiestand was born in East Lampeter township, a daughter of David and Susan (Myers) Denlinger, the father being a retired farmer and residing in Salunga.

Simon H. Hiestand is a Republican in politics, and his first public office was that of school director, to which he was appointed for a year, but proved to



be so efficient as to be elected for the three years following. On Nov. 14, 1909, he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and is still satisfactorily discharging the duties of that office. This young merchant has already made his mark in the business world, and by his fair and liberal dealing has secured the confidence and good will of the general public of Salunga and surrounding country. The Union Trust Co. was organized in January, 1902, and was opened for business the following March, with an authorized capital of \$300,000. Of this company Mr. Hiestand was elected a director. Socially Mr. and Mrs. Hiestand enjoy a very desirable position, being greatly esteemed by the leading people of Salunga. They are both consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

J. R. MISSENER, editor and publisher of the *Mount Joy Star and News*, and also the editor and publisher of the *Steeltown Advocate and Verdict*, is a son of George and Elizabeth Missener, both of whom are now deceased. He was born on the banks of the Little Chiques Creek, in Mount Joy township, March 24, 1851. Mr. Missener's ancestors originally came from Switzerland about two hundred years ago. His grandfather was a justice of the peace for many years. His father, a miller and farmer, died almost half a century ago.

Mr. Missener spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the farm where he was born. There he received the education which the country schools afforded at that time, and the important practical training, which industrious employment in farming gave him. At the age of seventeen he was granted a teacher's certificate, by the county superintendent, and he taught school in his native township three terms. When he was twenty-one years of age he was elected a justice of the peace for five years, at the expiration of which he was elected for a second term. During that time he carried on an extensive business as a surveyor. In 1875 our subject engaged in the newspaper and printing business, which he has followed ever since. At that time he established the *Milton Grove News*. In 1878 he purchased the *Mount Joy Star and News*, and consolidated the two papers, under the title of the *Mount Joy Star and News*, which paper he published for ten years, enlarging and improving it, and making it a power in that section. For a number of years it was the largest of the eighteen newspapers in the county, outside of Lancaster city. Mr. Missener conducted a newspaper syndicate for a number of years, during which time he edited and published the *Florin Independent*, the *Bainbridge Banner*, *Sporting Hill Messenger*, *Salunga Siftings*, *Landisville Vigil*. In 1888 he purchased the *Steeltown Advocate*, which he has been publishing ever since. At the present time he is issuing only a weekly edition, but for some time prior to the hard times of 1893 he published the *Daily Advocate*. In 1892 Mr. Missener associated his son, George W., in business with him. The junior mem-

ber of the firm was only fifteen years of age at that time, and was the youngest editor and newspaper publisher in the United States. In 1898 our subject purchased the *Steeltown Verdict*, which he consolidated under the title of *Advocate and Verdict*. Mr. Missener believes in training his sons to practical business, and at an early age, in fact while yet in their teens, all his sons, George, Garfield, John and Benjamin, were associated with him. In 1893 Mr. Missener again purchased the *Mount Joy Star and News*, which he had sold six years before. Since that time he is publishing the *Steeltown Advocate and Verdict* as well the *Mount Joy Star and News*, but both offices and papers are as distinct and separate as though they belonged to different proprietors. In this feature of his business he is demonstrating, by practical operation, the advantage of having more than one newspaper and printing office under one management. This plan has been carried out very successfully in many branches of business, but had not before been attempted in the publication of country newspapers. The result is so eminently successful that he is considering the addition of another newspaper and printing office to his list.

Mr. Missener has always taken a prominent part in politics, but though frequently urged to run for office has never done so, except in the case of local positions, for which he has never been defeated. His newspapers have wielded much important influence in shaping and controlling local politics. While he had his hands so full of work at home, he has not failed to look abroad. He has made for himself a notable record as a traveler, having been to Canada three times and across the continent twice, going as far West as the Pacific ocean, and South to the Gulf of Mexico.

In March, 1877, Mr. Missener was married to Miss Fannie R. Weaver, by whom he has had nine children. His two eldest sons, George and Garfield, are printers in New York City. His sons John and Benjamin are associated with him in his newspaper and printing business. His daughters, Mary and Bertha, and his youngest son, Edgar, are also at home. Daniel and Kathryn joined the silent majority in their infancy.

CLINTON HIMES. Historical associations cluster about the home and the home-life of this influential and well-known resident of Salisbury township. His home, known as Ivy mansion, was built one hundred years ago, and was, before the railroad era, the old stage coach house and postoffice. Here Gen. Lafavette, while on his way to Lancaster in the year 1825, tarried a few hours and received public entertainment. Ivy mansion was then a center of commerce and travel, past which and through which the current of human events flowed ceaselessly.

Mr. Himes was born in Leacock township, May 9, 1831, son of Rees C. and Sarah (Eckert) Himes, and grandson of Thomas and Catherine (Clem-





ens) Himes, of Chester county. The grandfather died at Honeybrook, and Rees C. came in his boyhood with his widowed mother to Lancaster county, settling in East Earl township. In his early manhood he engaged successfully in mercantile pursuits in Leacock township, later yielding its more active duties for the comparative quiet of an agricultural life, passed in Salisbury township. Here he died in the prime of life in May, 1849, aged forty-nine years. He had married Sarah Eckert, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of George Eckert. She survived him many years, passing away in August, 1899, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Rees C. and Sarah Himes were active members of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were as follows: Clinton, subject of this sketch; George Clemens, a farmer who died in 1886; Cecelia, who married Rees C. Himes, a retired farmer of Shippensburg, Pa.; Anna C., who lives unmarried on the old homestead Spring Run Farm, in Salisbury township; Susan A. and Martha L., both residing unmarried on the old homestead; P. Timlow, who died young; and Rees L., justice of the peace at Kinzers, Pennsylvania.

Clinton Himes was a lad of eighteen years, the eldest of a family of eight children, when the household was bereft by the death of the father and husband. Responsibility thus came to him early in life. He took up its cares, and for many years conducted the affairs of his mother's estate. He attained standing in public and religious affairs, and possessing the taste and the opportunities for a broad culture he ripened into a deep and influential thinker, attaining prominence in the constantly widening circle of his acquaintanceship.

Mr. Himes married Feb. 28, 1878, at Peoria, Ill., Sophia R. (McIlvaine) Negley, daughter of Rev. William B. and Elizabeth (Breeding) McIlvaine. Her father was a well-known divine of the Presbyterian church, who for forty-one years was pastor of East Liberty Church at Pittsburg, Pa., but resigning that charge on account of ill health, he removed to Peoria, Ill., where he preached for twenty years.

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GEORGE EDWARD WISNER, the leading manufacturer of paper and cigar boxes in Lancaster, has an exceedingly interesting history, not only in the matter of his long and illustrious ancestry in this country, but in the development of his business from a very small beginning to extensive proportions. His ancestors on his father's side came from Germany, while the progenitors of his mother, the Werntzes and the Fon Dersmiths, came from Berlin. Quite recently articles appeared in the press of this country telling of the claims the descendants of these people made to the greater part of Berlin, alleging that it was given to one of their ancestors in payment for arms furnished the authorities in one of the early German wars. Mr. Wisner's great-great-grandparents on both sides are buried at Strasburg, Lancaster county, thus showing the early settlement of these families in Lancaster.

Jacob Wisner, the grandfather of George E., once farmed the land on which the home and factory now stand. Indeed, he farmed a large tract of land in that section before the western development of the city took place.

Jonah Wisner, father of George E., married Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Rosanna Werntz, of Strasburg. Mr. Werntz was known as "The Blacksmith" of Strasburg, and was employed at one time by the Colemans, the "iron kings" of Colebrook furnace, Lebanon county. By this union there were four children, of whom George E. is the only survivor. The father died in 1861, when George was only thirteen years old, but the mother still survives and resides with our subject.

George E. Wisner was born April 27, 1848, and up to the time of his father's death attended the public schools of this city, but at that time he bravely faced his duty as a loyal and devoted son to his widowed mother, and right manfully set about mak-

ing his way in the world. The young lad first secured employment in the rifle works of Henry E. Leaman, and his next scene of employment was at Twining's whip factory. At the age of fourteen he took entire charge of a soap factory for six months. In 1861 he entered the old *Express* office as an apprentice at printing, remaining there for three years. From printing he passed to photographing, and then was employed at the confectionery business with Charles Eden and Joseph R. Royer. After finishing his apprenticeship he started in the confectionery business for himself at the corner of North Queen and Walnut streets, where he remained five years, when he moved to Columbia, Lancaster county, and continued in the same business four years longer. At the end of that time he closed out his business and returned to Lancaster. In 1884 Mr. Wisner began the manufacture of cigar boxes at his present location, No. 515 West Chestnut street, starting the enterprise in the wash-kitchen of his residence. As his business grew he converted an extensive chicken coop on his lot into a cigar box factory. In 1891 he built a four-story brick structure 20x30 feet, fitting it out with the most modern requirements for the trade, having added paper boxes to his line. His business has so greatly increased, that in 1895 he built a four-story brick annex to his main structure, 40x30 feet, both buildings being filled to-day with busy workers engaged in supplying Mr. Wisner's patrons in Lancaster and the neighboring towns. He employs some sixty hands.

In 1873 Mr. Wisner was married to Miss Mary R., daughter of the late Charles Kryder, of Lancaster, the manufacturer of a celebrated herbs bitters. To this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Charles Edward, was the leading salesman in Kirk Johnson & Co.'s music store for a number of years, but is now a teacher of music, and an organist and pianist of acknowledged merit; his work is largely devoted to classical music. He is the organist of the First Methodist Church of Lancaster. Mrs. Wisner died in 1885.

Mr. Wisner is a member of the First Methodist Church, having been associated with this body since 1867. He has been a church and Sunday School worker from boyhood, and was secretary of the Sunday School for fifteen years. He is now president of the Landisville Camp Meeting Association, in which he is very much interested; was an organizer and is a director in the Lancaster General Hospital, and belongs to the Lancaster Board of Trade. Mr. Wisner is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Odd Fellows, and the Junior American Mechanics. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and a champion of the temperance cause, in which he has been engaged since he was fifteen years old, and his position on that subject is beyond doubt or hesitation. Positive and upright as he is, his heart is ever open to the appeals of the erring, to whom he has always proved a good Samaritan.





MCGOWAN. Few citizens of Sadsbury township left more friends when called from earth than did John McGowan, whose widow, Mrs. ANNIE E. MCGOWAN, lives on the comfortable home place in this township. Mrs. McGowan was born on the old home farm, in Bart township, whither her parents had removed in 1832, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza A. (Hollis) Good, natives of Chester county. The mother died in 1861 at the age of fifty-eight years, but the father, having lived ten years of retirement, in Christiana, died in 1888, at the age of eighty-eight years. Their parents were: Jacob and Anna (Boyl) Good, of Chester county, and German ancestry, and George and Ann (Moore) Hollis, natives of Chester county, who moved to Lancaster county at an early day.

The children born to Samuel and Eliza A. (Hollis) Good were: Joseph F., who is a machinist, at Renovo, Pa.; Annie E., who became the wife of John McGowan; Sarah J., unmarried, living in Chester county; William H., who is an insurance agent in Philadelphia; Mary L., who lives, unmarried, with her sister in Chester county; Samuel R., a contractor and builder of Philadelphia; George W., deceased; John M., a farmer of Bartville. The parents were worthy and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were buried in Middle Octoraro cemetery.

JOHN MCGOWAN was born in Sadsbury township Aug. 20, 1832, a son of John, Sr., and Catherine (Knott) McGowan, and he died June 28, 1897.

John McGowan, Sr., was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of John and Anna McGowan, natives of that county. May 2, 1798, and he died in Sadsbury township Oct. 18, 1851, and was buried in Cochranville cemetery, but in 1895 his remains, with those of his two daughters, were removed to Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The other children in the family of John and Anna McGowan were: Anna, Margaret, Sarah, James and Thomas. John McGowan, Sr., came to America in June, 1819, and settled in New York for one year, and then removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he was employed on the farm of David Brisbea, in Salsbury township, for a period of three years. He then became a clerk for the late Daniel Buckley in the iron works in the Salsbury district, remaining with that firm until the death of Mr. Buckley in 1825. Later he went to Lebanon county, and there became a clerk for James Coleman, in the iron works, for the succeeding three years, when he was made manager for the late James Sproul, the iron manufacturer, in Sadsbury township.

Mr. McGowan remained with this concern for a period of six years and then became the manager in the iron works of Swayne & Pennock, located one mile from his former place of work. Here he remained for two years, but business difficulties assailed this firm and at a forced sale Mr. Sproul rented these works for a period of thirteen years, John McGowan continuing as manager, making money

during this time not only for himself, but also for Mr. Sproul. After the death of the latter, who had always taken a deep interest in his faithful manager, Mr. McGowan moved to Arglen, Pa., where he lived for one year in retirement. Mr. McGowan, on April 1, 1849, purchased a farm in the valley, in Sadsbury township, and there he passed the last years of a very useful life. Mr. McGowan was a man of superior education and great business ability. With almost all of the progress and development of his section he was thoroughly identified, and he held many of the local offices, notably, school trustee and auditor, for many years. His family were left very well provided for, his estate being valued at something like \$30,000, which was efficiently managed by his widow, who was a woman of excellent judgment and executive ability.

John McGowan, Sr., was married in 1830 in Lancaster, to Catherine Knott, who was a daughter of William and Sarah (Miller) Knott, natives of Maryland, who came to Sadsbury township at an early day, where Mr. Knott became an iron worker and farmer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGowan were: Hon. William, who for thirty-five years has been a justice of the peace in Christiana, Pa., has held all of the local offices except constable, served with distinction four terms in the House of Representatives, and was a delegate during two terms in the county convention; John, mentioned below; Joseph, in the government service, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel, who is a retired merchant at Christiana, Pa.; Caleb B., who lives a retired life at Arglen, Pa.; Clement B., deceased; Dr. Hiram, who is a well-known physician of Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas, who was a deputy internal revenue collector; Noble, who is a merchant in Philadelphia; Sarah A., who lives unmarried, in Christiana; Rachel, also unmarried, and resident of Christiana; Mary, unmarried, and living in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of Philip B. Rea, of Chestnut Level, Pa.; Hannah P., who died in infancy; and Margaret, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years. The mother died Sept. 17, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years.

John McGowan grew up on the farm and devoted his life to that occupation. His education was obtained in the public schools of his neighborhood, and he became identified with the best interests of his locality. In politics he was an active member of the Republican party, and most efficiently filled many of the township offices, notably those of assessor, tax collector and auditor, and was a leader in political circles.

Mr. McGowan was married (first) May 19, 1850, to Elizabeth J. Davis, and their two children were: Catherine, a resident of Christiana; and Joanna, the widow of William E. Thompson, also of Christiana. On Feb. 6, 1879, Mr. McGowan wedded Annie E. Good, at her home in Bart township. The one son of this marriage, John W., manages the home farm. Here Mr. McGowan settled in 1891,



having previously occupied one located within one-eighth of a mile. It is well improved and valuable. Mr. McGowan having been an excellent farmer and good manager. His high character made him esteemed through the county, while his neighborly kindness and domestic virtues made him beloved by a large circle of friends.

EUGENE BAUER, in his lifetime a popular hotelkeeper at Lancaster, was a native of Freiburg, Baden, Germany, where his parents, John Joseph and Margaret (Kern) Bauer, were well-to-do people. They owned valuable stone quarries and a number of boats on the Rhine. Of their nine children, but three came to America: Eugene, Margaret, who married Frederick Munz, and resides in Philadelphia; and Malena, who married Charles Schmitt, of Philadelphia.

When he was eighteen years of age Eugene Bauer came to America to win home and fortune amid the wider opportunities of the new country. His first employment was at his trade, that of monument work, and he assisted in the building of the Columbia Bridge and St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Abandoning his trade, he entered the employ of Lawrence Knapp, of the "Empire Hotel," in East King street, and after long service there purchased the "Golden Horse Hotel," which he conducted for thirteen years. His genial disposition made him an ideal host, and his hostelry was ever popular and well filled. His death occurred Aug. 14, 1894, when he was aged forty-four years.

In early manhood Mr. Bauer married Miss Judith Lamparter, daughter of the late Eberhart J. Lamparter, and two children came to bless their home: Eugene, who died when one and a half years old; and Eberhart J. The latter was engaged in the plumbing and gas fitting business in Lancaster, and formerly had been manager of the Sporting Goods Co., but on June 12, 1900, he started on a pleasure trip to Idaho, and, liking that country, determined to make it his home. On June 10, 1901, he married Miss Mabel Hartmyer, of Lancaster. Like his father, Eberhart J. Bauer was very popular, and no two men in Lancaster were greater favorites with the public than they.

In his political affiliations Eugene Bauer was a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. Always looking to the best interests of his adopted town, he was ever foremost in giving of his time and means to any measure that would advance the moral or material welfare of Lancaster. He was an active member of the Union Fire Co. for a number of years.

Mrs. Bauer still owns the "Golden Horse Hotel," but rents it, devoting her time to religious, charitable and social duties. Her greatest pleasure is in doing good to others.

Eberhart J. Lamparter, father of Mrs. Bauer, was a tanner at Millport, in this county. Abandoning that occupation, he engaged in the manufacture of

glue, and, removing to Rockland, established a glue factory in 1863, and died there in 1869. The factory is still run by one of his sons. Mr. Lamparter married Miss Elizabeth Heib, sister of Jacob Heib, one of the pioneer tanners of Lancaster, and to this union came nine children, six of whom are living: Jacob, George and Eberhart, glue manufacturers of Rockland; Miss Pauline, living in the homestead on Rockland street; Miss Lisette D., pension clerk at Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Judith Bauer, of Lancaster. The mother of this notable family died Sept. 13, 1899.

JOHN ZERCHER, Superintendent of The Helvetia Leather Co., of Lancaster, is one of the prominent men and leading citizens of this community. His connection with the above named company has dated since 1888, after a long business experience with other reputable firms. He is a native son of Lancaster county, born in New Danville, April 20, 1838, his parents being John, Sr., and Esther (Shaub) Zercher, both of Lancaster county.

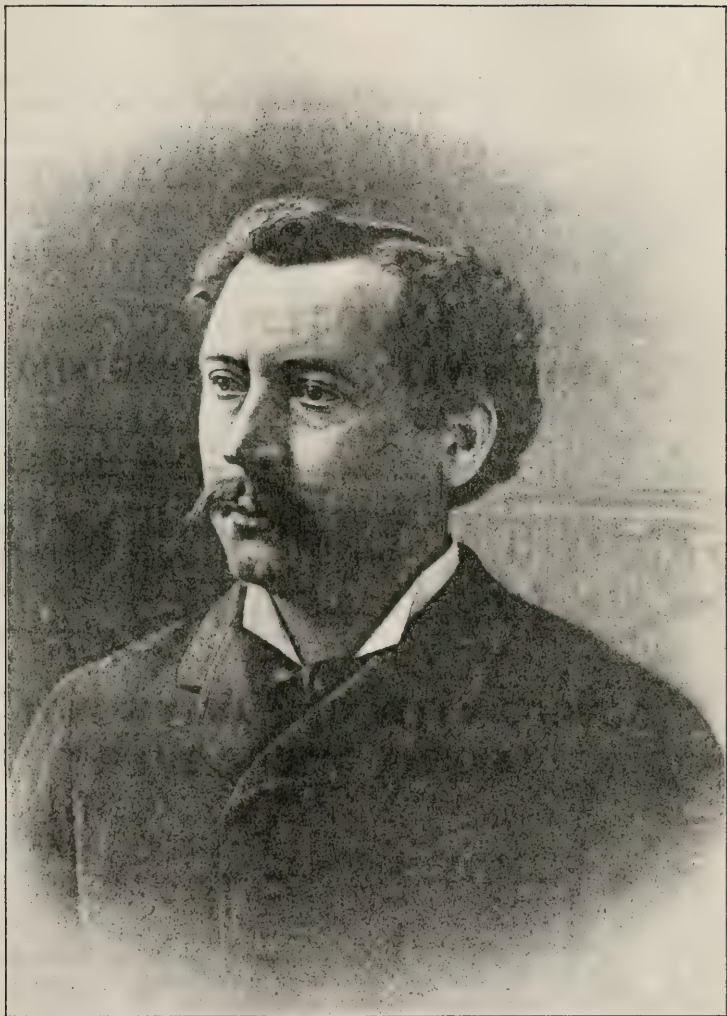
John Zercher, Sr., was a weaver in early life and later took charge of the hotel in New Danville and then operated a general store in the same village for two years. He then turned his attention to farming, and it was upon his farm in Pequea township that his death occurred in 1872, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow, Esther (Shaub), survived until 1895, dying at the age of eighty-three years. They were members of the Dunkard faith, and were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Mennonite Stone Church, near New Danville. They had two children: Christian S., a millwright, who moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1870, and lives there, in retirement; and John.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Zercher were John and Elizabeth (Tanger) Zercher, the former of whom was a miller in this county, of Swiss extraction. Their family consisted of the following members: Harry, deceased, was a miller in this county; Andrew, deceased, was a wheelwright and a farmer, and died in Conestoga township, where he lived retired; John became the father of our subject; Jacob, deceased, was a farmer of prominence, a large landholder in Adams county, Ohio; and Anna died at the age of fourteen years. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Zercher were John and Esther (Goughenauer) Shaub, natives and farming people of Lancaster county, of German extraction.

Until his marriage Mr. Zercher made his home with his parents. His early rearing was on the farm, and his education was acquired in the district schools. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school at Run Valley, and taught for eight consecutive terms—in fact, if Mr. Zercher had not turned his attention to other lines of usefulness, it is probable that he would have become a noted educator. Three years were then spent in farming and then, seeking a wider field, he went to Lancaster, and there became bookkeeper for Samuel Hess, in the lumber







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business, and also filled the same position for one year with Thomas & Henry Baumgardner, coal merchants. He then became bookkeeper in the tannery of Amos Hollinger, which business connection lasted for twenty years, and during this time Mr. Zercher, in addition to his other duties, taught two terms of school. In 1888 Mr. Zercher accepted the position of bookkeeper, superintendent and general manager for The Helvetia Leather Co., with R. J. Houston as president, and Charles J. Landis, as treasurer, the last named gentleman retaining his connection with the company until April, 1889, when he became judge of the courts in the county. The Helvetia Leather Co. was established in 1887, and the plant is located at Nos. 520-538 Poplar street, Lancaster, and employs a force of ten men. They manufacture (by patent process) belting, picker, apron and lacing leather and also oak leather belting. It is one of the flourishing industries of the city and much of its prosperity is due to the excellent business methods and wise supervision of Mr. Zercher.

In 1863, when the State militia was increased in order to repel invasion, Mr. Zercher became a volunteer in the 50th Regiment under Brig.-Gen. Franklin and Capt. David Bear, for one hundred days' service. This regiment was used for guard duty along the Potomac river, and fortunately saw no serious trouble, being discharged in six weeks, at Harrisburg. In politics Mr. Zercher is a staunch Republican and has efficiently filled some office in almost every place which has been his temporary home. For six years he was assessor in Pequea township; for eight years he served as school director in West Lampeter township, and was then elected justice of the peace for five years, serving with credit for four years, when he resigned the office on account of removal to New Danville. With his family he belongs to and supports St. Paul's Reformed Church.

In December, 1850, Mr. Zercher was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Barbara Rowe, born in West Lampeter township, in May, 1837, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Weaver) Rowe, of Lancaster county, where for a considerable period he was a shoemaker, later operated a hotel at Willowstreet and then became a successful farmer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Zercher were as follows: Emma, who is the widow of Jacob M. Harnish, resides with her father; Ada L., who died at the age of four years; George W., who died at the age of two and one-half years; Clara A., who married Irvin S. Schmehl, a druggist in Philadelphia, and had three children, James Frederick, Emma Florence and John Irwin, of whom the last named died at the age of five years; and Miss Nora, who resides at home. Mr. Zercher is a man of intellect and means, and is well and favorably known through Lancaster county.

DAVID B. MYERS, who was well and favorably known for many years in East Donegal and adjoining townships, and who died Dec. 17, 1902, was

born in East Donegal township Oct. 5, 1834, a son of Henry and Barbara (Breiner) Myers. The family history is quite fully treated under the head of Michael B. Myers on another page. The parents lived to a ripe old age, and were much loved and respected in the community in which their peaceful and well-ordered lives were passed.

David B. Myers was married, in 1876, in Marietta, Pa., to Miss Mary Shoemaker, by whom he had one child, Clara, who married Samuel Eshleman, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, and became the mother of two children, Walter and David, but is now deceased. Mrs. Mary (Shoemaker) Myers was born near Manheim, in Rapho township, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Hershey) Shoemaker, of the same township, who now live in Mt. Joy township, where the former who was born in 1828, is now a farmer. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hershey) Shoemaker was born in 1833, and died in 1901, and was buried in Florin Cemetery. Both were members of the German United Brethren Church. Their children were: Christ, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Elizabeth, married to Monroe Shaffer, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Anna, who married Jacob Fryc, a farmer at Centreville; Mary; Hettie and John, at home; Sarah, (deceased); and Harry, at home.

David B. Myers was engaged in farming until the spring of 1900, when he gave up farm work, and moved to the home he occupied for a number of years. In his earlier years he was closely associated with his father in farming operations, and it was not until 1872 that he purchased the farm to which he devoted a good part of his life. In politics he was a Republican. For several years Mr. Myers had been sickly, and shortly before his death was stricken with paralysis. Before his health failed he built a fine three-story brick house, which stands on the cross roads, about a half mile from Florin.

CAPT. PHILIP L. SPRECHER. No more capable leader or more gallant soldier stepped forth from the farmer ranks of Pennsylvania into the garish light of the Union army during the Civil war than Capt. Philip L. Sprecher, in private life a hotel manager, merchant, master of the science of deduction as an expert detective, as well as an all around versatile man of affairs. In the wake of a strenuous and varied career he is one of the most popular men in Lancaster county, and bears a reputation commensurate with his large attainments and splendid personal characteristics. A native son of Lancaster county, he was born at New Holland, Sept. 12, 1839, was educated in the district schools, and spent his earliest boyhood days on the paternal farm. When ten years of age he found employment in the hardware and implement store of his two half brothers, George D. and W. D. Sprecher, with whom he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, an opportunity which ignited the possibilities of men, and of none more than Capt. Philip L. Sprecher. On the paternal side his ancestors are identical with





those of George D. Sprecher, who is mentioned at length elsewhere.

The justice of the plaint of the Southern slave found no greater confirmation than in the service of such soldiers as Captain Sprecher. No finer record illuminates this time of unloosed passions, of unreasoning and bitter hate. A fair idea of his place in the roll call of the national honor is best conveyed by the following interesting account compiled from authentic sources for the United States Army and Navy Association:

"Philip L. Sprecher enlisted from Lancaster county, Pa., on the 4th of June, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Westchester, Pa., as a private of Capt. Thomas B. Barton's company B, 30th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the First Pennsylvania Reserve, Colonel R. Bidelle Roberts commanding. The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Wayne, near Westchester, Pa., and left the state for Baltimore, July 22d, thence moved to Annapolis, Md., where it performed guard duty until the 30th, when it moved to Washington, D. C., thence to Tennallytown, Md., where it was assigned to the 1st Brigade of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. On October 10th marched to Langley, Va., and December 20th to Dranesville, Va., reaching the latter place just after the battle had closed. March 10, 1862, marched to Alexandria, Va., and was soon after assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 1st Corps, and later to the 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. It participated in the following engagements, viz.: Tunstall Station, Seven Days Fight, including Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Manassas, Bull Run, Chantilly, Va., South Mountain, Antietam Creek, Antietam, Md., Bennett House, Fredericksburg, Va., Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, Mile Run Campaign, New Hope Church, Wilderness, Parker's Store, Spottsylvania, Laurel Hill, North Anna, Jericho Ford, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, and numerous minor skirmishes.

"The said Philip L. Sprecher was at all times with his command, and for gallantry and meritorious conduct was promoted to Corporal August 17, 1861, and to sergeant October 18, 1861, and was commissioned 2nd lieutenant March 1, 1863, for conspicuous bravery, and to brevet 1st lieutenant to date from March 13, 1865, for gallantry and meritorious service in the Wilderness Campaign. At the battle of Antietam, he, with a comrade, forced themselves into the enemy's lines, but succeeded in returning to the Union lines, having captured two Rebel officers and two men. He still has in his possession a sword that he took from one of the said officials. He was honorably discharged June 13, 1864, at Philadelphia, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. He re-enlisted, July 20, 1864, to serve one hundred days, and was mustered into the service at Camp Curtin, Philadelphia, and commissioned captain of Company G, 195th Regiment Pennsylvania Volun-

teer Infantry, Colonel Joseph W. Fisher commanding. He veteranized to serve one year or during the war, and on Nov. 1, 1864, was transferred to command of Company C, of the same regiment, Colonel Fisher being still in command.

"On July 24, 1864, the regiment moved to Baltimore, Md., thence to Monocacy Junction, where it was engaged in guarding lines of railroad, and was thoroughly drilled, on the 1st of October proceeding to Berkeley county, W. Va., and was posted along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, with headquarters at North Mountain station. In February, 1865, the regiment was re-organized and shortly afterward ordered to Charleston, where it formed part of the command of Gen. T. W. Egan. On April 1st the regiment was detailed to guard the fords of the Shenandoah river, with headquarters at Cabletown, afterward moved to Berryville and Harrisonburg, performing guard duty and provost duty until ordered home for muster out, on the way participating in a number of skirmishes with bands of the enemy.

"Captain Sprecher was constantly with his respective commands during his three enlistments, and earned high commendations, as is evidenced by his frequent promotions. He received his final honorable discharge June 21, 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., by reason of the close of the war."

But one thing concerning the captain's army record should be added to the above, and that is that he was discharged with the rank of brevet major. Interesting as was his military career, however, his experiences in civil life have been quite as entertaining.

After the war Capt. Sprecher found employment as a salesman for the late A. W. Russell, hardware merchant, after which he clerked at the "Leopard Hotel" for a time, and in 1866 became superintendent of the "Litz Springs Hotel," remaining in that capacity three years. For the following two years he was proprietor of the "Neffsville Hotel," and in 1873 we find him in the office of the chief of police of Lancaster, serving two terms under the administration of Capt. W. D. Stauffer. He then opened a detective bureau, having discovered a natural aptitude for work of this kind, and the wisdom of his departure was evidenced by the speedy reputation he made all over the State as a cool, collected, and wise determiner of criminal responsibility. The attributes which had made him a soldier par excellence, were in demand in his new line of work, and by applying them as occasion demanded he was enabled to make some of the most important arrests in the annals of Pennsylvania criminology. He captured John Frankford, the State's most desperate horse thief, and in this effort displayed unusual ingenuity. He followed the much wanted man's wife to Conestville, boarding the train with her unnoticed, and without a weapon of any kind. Frankford was waiting at the railroad station for his wife, was fully armed, yet nevertheless surrendered to the Captain





after being informed that he would put a bullet hole through him if he refused to surrender. The desperado was much disgusted after boarding the train and being handcuffed, to learn that the Captain's arms were purely those of the imagination. This capture led to the conviction of the horse thief, and his sentence to nineteen years in the penitentiary. The Captain was also largely instrumental in securing the capture and breaking up of the notorious Buzzard gang of outlaws, and worked up the case that led to the conviction of James E. Pannell, the wife murderer, who, however, cheated the gallows by committing suicide.

After giving up the detective business Captain Sprecher entered the United States Internal Revenue service, in fact was twice in the service, from which he eventually resigned to remove to Franklin county. Here he found relief from the strenuous activity which had characterized his former life, and, purchasing a mill, managed the running of the same for about seven years. Upon returning to Lancaster he was a salesman in Diller's hardware store, afterward in Herr & Snively's establishment, and then became superintendent of the weaving department in the Lancaster county prison, a position which he is creditably filling at the present time.

Captain Sprecher married Mary Elizabeth Streaker, daughter of the late Benjamin Streaker. Of this union there was one son, Edward Diller, who died in March, 1898, at the age of twenty-eight. This son had been a bookkeeper in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster for ten years. Mrs. Sprecher died March 31, 1887. Captain Sprecher, whose residence is at No. 325 East Walnut street, Lancaster, is a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman, and only those who know of his splendidly directed life would suppose that his mind contained so many memories of great and important occurrences. Drawn out, he is intensely interesting, and his conversation is replete with the sparkle and conviction born of enthusiasm and direct knowledge of his subject. He is justly popular in military, political, business and social circles, and no man of whom we have any immediate knowledge in this neighborhood has greater strength of character, or exerts a more enviable influence.

**WILLIAM C. PENNY.** One of the thrifty and well-established farmers of Drumore township, is William C. Penny, who was born Feb. 29, 1848, son of Hugh and Sarah (Wentz) Penny, both of Drumore township, their extraction being Irish and English.

Hugh Penny, the father of William C., was born in 1812, a son of Joseph Penny, and died in 1882. He was one of the leading men of his township, well known and thoroughly respected. In 1836 he married Sarah Wentz, who was born in 1817 and died in 1889; she was a daughter of Joseph Wentz, of Martie township. Their marriage was blessed with these children: Mary M., who married Henry

Peagan, of Martie township, but is now deceased; Joseph, who is a farmer of Colerain township; Adelaide, the wife of Thomas Wilson, of York county, Pa.; Maria J., the wife of Aldus Aument, of East Drumore township; William C., our subject; Hugh J., of Chester county; and Laura M., who is the wife of William Overholt, a retired druggist of Baltimore, Maryland.

The Penny family in America can be easily traced to great-grandfather Hugh Penny, who came from Ireland at an early day and settled in the southern part of Lancaster county. He was a staunch Presbyterian and an uncompromising Democrat, and these two family beliefs have descended from father to son ever since.

Joseph Penny, the grandfather of our subject, reared these children: James; Hugh; Hannah, who married William Wentz; Sarah, who married John Wentz; Mary Jane, who married Thomas Wentz; and Harriet, who married Steele Morrison, all of these well known in their day, but all have passed away.

William C. Penny was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools of his native township, choosing farming as his life work. Although he was hampered in his early career by limited means, he has been careful and industrious, and now is the owner of a fine farm with good barns and improvements, and a most comfortable residence, as payment for his past labors. Their residence has some historic interest, having been built by the Calhoun Brothers, about 1815, they being the brothers of the great-grandfather of Mr. Penny.

On Dec. 21, 1882, Mr. Penny was married to Miss Mary J. Bockins, of Little Britain township, who was born Dec. 25, 1861, daughter of George and Sylvia (Wilson) Bockins, a family of English origin. Besides Mrs. Penny their children were: John L., of Little Britain township; and Fannie M., unmarried, a resident of Britain. Mr. Bockins was born in 1817 and died in 1889, his father having been Samuel Bockins, a member of one of the old families of this part of the State. His wife died in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Penny have no children of their own, but in the kindness of their hearts, they adopted five-year-old Charles R. Clark, who was born Aug. 4, 1885, and he has proven a dutiful and affectionate son, honestly grateful for the parental care he has received from Mr. and Mrs. Penny. Both Mr. Penny and wife are members of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church where they are highly valued. Mr. Penny enjoys the esteem of his neighbors and the affection of his friends, his estimable character being known through the locality. This is one of the truly representative families, in point of character and public respect, in Drumore township.

**REUBEN K. SCHNADER,** a prominent tobacco merchant of the city of Lancaster, as well as one of its keen, intelligent business men, was born Aug.



16, 1832, near what is now Terre Hill, East Earl township, this county, son of Jacob and Lydia (Clime) Schnader.

The Schnader family originated in this country with the great-great-grandfather of Reuben K., who emigrated, in the early part of the eighteenth century, to East Earl township, this county, settling on a farm which is still in possession of the Schnaders. It is not known where he is buried.

Jacob Schnader, the great-grandfather, was one of the organizers of the Centre-Lutheran and Reformed Church, the site of which was the burial ground of one of his children. When Jacob settled four miles back from the Conestoga river, in the virgin forest, all the surrounding country was a wilderness, and he commenced to clear a farm with his axe. He worked with the energy of those men of iron, who seemed to know no fatigue, during his entire life, and at his death this sturdy pioneer was the owner of 1,000 acres of excellent land. Jacob Schnader was a most remarkable man, for he lived to his ninety-fifth year, being born in 1735 and died in 1820. He was married for the second time at the age of seventy-five.

Baltzer Schnader, son of Jacob and grandfather of Reuben K., was born in 1765, at the old homestead, where he resided until he married Barbara Kitzmiller, when he located in Franklin county, engaging in agricultural pursuits for a few years. He then returned to the township where he was born, became the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres, and erected a stone house for a place of residence. This was the first stone house built in the neighborhood; the roof was imported tiles, and the glass in the windows only four inches square.

Jacob Schnader, son of Baltzer and father of Reuben K., was born Dec. 25, 1800, and was one of a family of fourteen children. His death occurred Nov. 13, 1867, when he was sixty years, ten months and eighteen days old. He married Lydia Clime, who died Jan. 17, 1878, aged seventy-one years, nine months and twenty-three days. Both were interred in Terre Hill Cemetery. During his active life, the father was a farmer of Terre Hill, East Earl township, but retired before his death. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Evangelical Church, and most worthy and excellent people. To them were born: Caroline, deceased, who married the late John Bowman of Mt. Joy; Sophia, deceased, wife of the late Jacob Flickinger; Davis, deceased; William, retired landowner of large means residing in Terre Hill, this county; Levi, a tinsmith of Adamstown; Reuben K.; and Lydia, who married Isaac R. Garman, an invalid retired from active business, residing at Reamstown, Pennsylvania.

The boyhood days of Reuben K. Schnader were similar to those of any hearty country boy, he working upon the farm in summer and attending subscription schools whenever opportunity offered. When he was nineteen, he went to Clearfield county to prospect for lime, and upon his return passed two

years in his native township, in company with his father operating a dry goods, grocery and grain business at Terre Hill. His next removal was to Drecksnoek township, this county, where for eight years he devoted himself to farming. In 1809 he located in Lancaster, and began handling leaf tobacco, in which line he has built up a large and constantly increasing business, and he also deals in cigars. His goods are reliable and some of his special brands of cigars have a large sale. In his establishment, he gives employment to thirty men, and all modern methods are used in the conduct of his business.

On Dec. 27, 1855, Mr. Schnader was married at Mechanicsburg, Pa., to Eliza Killian, born July 8, 1837, near Mechanicsburg, daughter of Philip and Nance (Cunningham) Killian, farmers of Lancaster county. Mrs. Schnader died Nov. 27, 1890, and was buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster. Three children were born of this union: Walter R., Albert P. and John J., the latter of whom died in infancy. Walter R. resides in the adjoining house to his father, with whom he is in partnership; on June 27, 1882, he married Clara, daughter of Philip Schum, of this city, and they have one child—Roscoe. Albert P. is unmarried and resides with his father, he, too, being in business with him. Since his sons were taken into partnership, Mr. Schnader has transferred the greater portion of the business to their shoulders, and has partially retired.

Fraternally Mr. Schnader is a member of Earl Lodge, No. 413, I. O. O. F., at New Holland, and Lodge No. 68, K. P., at Lancaster. In political matters he is a Prohibitionist, and was school director in his native township six years, and occupied the same office for three years in the city of Lancaster, giving the most complete satisfaction, his interest in educational affairs being deep and intelligent. For twenty-five years he has been Sunday School superintendent of the Second Evangelical Church, now known as Bethany United Evangelical Church, of which he is one of the most honored members, and he is justly looked up to as one of the leading and generous supporters of that congregation.

FILBERT SMITH, one of the best known and most popular freight and passenger conductors in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was born at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, Jan. 3, 1851.

Mathias W. Smith, his father, was a well-known grocer and much respected citizen of Millersville, who for several years filled the office of coroner. He died Aug. 24, 1895, aged seventy-nine years, five months and twenty-eight days. He was an earnest Christian, and an earnest member of Bethel Church, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Rapp, who was born Jan. 8, 1818, and who died April 20, 1902, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, aged eighty-four years, three months and twelve days. By her marriage with Mr. Smith she became the mother of ten children: Simon and Eliza, who died in infancy; Mary (Mrs. Conrad Page);





Henry, who was drowned in the Pennsylvania canal; John, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Filbert; Horace G., a railroad flagman living at Columbia; Shaeffer S., of York; Elizabeth, the wife of John Mathis, an iron molder of Royaltown; and Edward, whose home is in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandfather of Filbert Smith was a farmer, and a life-long resident of Lancaster county. The family of Rapp were also Lancasterians, Mr. Smith's maternal grandfather, Jacob Rapp, being many years the sexton of the Lutheran Church at Elizabethtown.

On July 12, 1875, Filbert Smith was married to Mary C. Killinger, of Lancaster, the wedding taking place at Camden, N. J. Their union having been without issue, they adopted a daughter of his brother, John W. Smith, whose baptismal name was Pearl. On reaching womanhood she married D. Luther Black, a marble cutter of Columbia. Mrs. Smith was born June 10, 1858. Her father, John F. Killinger, was a hotel keeper of Harrisburg from 1875 until 1887, when he died, aged fifty-two years; he married Catherine Boot, who passed away in 1869, when a young woman of thirty-five years. Of their children Mrs. Smith was the third, the others being Anna, George, John, Edward, Emma, Salina, Sophia and Martha. Mrs. Smith, with her sisters Anna, Emma and Martha, are all that survive. Of these Anna is Mrs. Harry Reese, of Lancaster; Emma is the wife of Abel Barnett, of Philadelphia; and Martha also lives in Philadelphia. Sophia, deceased, was the wife of Harry Sanderson. After the death of Mrs. Smith's mother, her father married again, his second wife being Mary Peterman, who bore him one son, Valentine, since deceased.

Filbert Smith remained with his parents until his twenty-fourth year, and in 1875 came to Columbia. Long before that date he had become accustomed to hard work. When a boy of twelve he began driving along the towpath of the canal, and the next twelve years of his life were spent as a canal boatman. On reaching Columbia he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a brakeman, and eight years later he was given a position as flagman. His next promotion was to the post of freight conductor, and in May, 1900, he was transferred to the company's passenger service. He is of genial disposition, sunny temperament and generous heart, is faithful to his friends and charitable toward all. He is a member of various social and benevolent organizations, and among them are the I. O. O. F., the Order of Red Men, Knights of the Mystic Shrine, and the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. He is a Republican politically, and in religious belief an active member of the United Brethren Church.

**WILLIAM MAXWELL.** Few families in Sadsbury township enjoy a higher measure of esteem than the descendants of the late William Maxwell, who for many years was a prominent citizen

of Lancaster county, a successful merchant, excellent farmer and one who was ever interested in the advancement of all educational and moral enterprises in his locality.

The late William Maxwell was born in Stewartsville, N. J., some six miles from the town of Eastman, June 4, 1791, and after a busy and useful life of sixty years, passed away in his home on the farm now occupied by his daughter, in Sadsbury township, Feb. 4, 1851. His parents were Robert and Elenora (Salone) Maxwell, born in Ireland, but with a mixture of Scotch blood, a combination acknowledged to make the most robust and intelligent race of the present time. These parents came in their early married life to America, and settled in the State of New Jersey, where they engaged in farming and where they reared a large family. These were: Margaret, deceased, married Maxwell Kennedy, of Salisbury township, and had a family of twelve children: Elizabeth, deceased, married James Kennedy, and also resided in Salisbury township; Ellen, deceased, married Thomas Barton, and resided in Belvidere, N. J.; Anna, deceased, married Adam Ramsey; Jane died unmarried; Mary died unmarried; John married Mary Maxwell; and William.

William Maxwell spent his early years on a farm, but he was liberally educated, passing through college with honors, becoming a thorough classical scholar. He then embarked in the mercantile business, in association with his brother-in-law, Adam Ramsey, this partnership continuing until 1817. Prior to his marriage, William Maxwell came to the farm which is still in possession of his children, the estate originally consisting of 260 acres, from which ninety acres were sold some fifteen years ago. Although he was left an orphan at the age of eight years, he became a useful member of society, was noted for his industry and close attention to business, living a particularly unobtrusive life. This, however, did not prevent an active interest in educational and religious matters, his liberality assisting in the advancement of many beneficial enterprises. Although not connected by membership, he was a constant attendant and generous supporter of the Presbyterian Church. His political interest was with the Republican party.

On Feb. 20, 1817, William Maxwell was married in Sadsbury township, to Hannah Templin, and the children born to this union were: Ellen E., who was born Aug. 12, 1818, now resides on the old homestead; Henrietta T., born Jan. 3, 1820, died June 6, 1902; Jane T., born Dec. 13, 1821, died March 31, 1902; Robert, born July 13, 1823, married Mary Rea, and died in 1899, having been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for forty-five years; Richard T., who married Maria Stoner, died from a wound received during service in the Civil war; Henry, born July 2, 1830, died in 1856, unmarried; Mary T., born April 23, 1828, died June 25, 1890; Edward, born May 27, 1832, died in infancy; Han-



ford, born April 5, 1835, died Feb. 4, 1854, all of these having come into the world in the old homestead which has for the survivors the pleasant associations of a life-time. The three daughters of William Maxwell were all ladies of education, intelligence and refinement. Their memories of their parents were among their most precious recollections. They were universally esteemed through the neighborhood, and all were leading and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. J. R. Maxwell, only son of the late Robert Maxwell, has practiced medicine in Parkesburg, Pa., since 1888.

**JOHN LEVERGOOD, M. D.** The medical fraternity of Lancaster has numbered among its members some very prominent physicians in the past who have conferred great honor upon their noble profession. For four decades prior to 1891 Dr. John Levergood was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, and a man who was very prominent in its municipal and educational life. His surviving widow was the daughter of one of Lancaster's leading public men in past years, Judge Emanuel Schaeffer.

Dr. Levergood was born in Lower Windsor township, York Co., Pa., Feb. 13, 1826, and died in Lancaster July 5, 1891, the greensward of Woodward Hill Cemetery covering all that is mortal of him. He was the son of Jacob and Frances (Litzenberger) Levergood, the former of York, and the latter of Lancaster county, where Jacob died in 1850, his wife dying in Wrightsville, Pa., March 3, 1893, at the advanced age of ninety years. Jacob Levergood was an extensive farmer of York county and prominent in the public life of his community for many years. His children were: William, a retired school teacher of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacob P., in the tobacco business, Wrightsville, Pa., where he is also justice of the peace; and John.

On Oct. 25, 1849, in Lancaster, Pa., Dr. Levergood was married to Margaret Louisa Schaeffer, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Hon. Emanuel and Elizabeth (Metzger) Schaeffer.

Emanuel Schaeffer was a native of this county, born Feb. 27, 1793. Having lost his father when young, his mother and her children became part of the household of his maternal grandfather, John Miller, an eminent citizen of Lancaster, once high sheriff of the county, and also a member of the State Senate. On March 14, 1781, John Miller was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, a commissioner of purchase for the county of Lancaster, and was active in the patriot cause; his descendants are, to-day, found in the McNeal, Schaeffer and Keller families in this county. At the age of fifteen, Emanuel Schaeffer was apprenticed by his grandfather to a harnessmaker, and after learning the trade, followed it until he had saved enough to go into business for himself. At the age of twenty-five he was married to Mary Metzger,

who died five years later, and he then married on March 8, 1827, a sister of his first wife, Elizabeth Metzger, who was born Sept. 3, 1803, and died Nov. 6, 1850, leaving the following children: Mary E., deceased wife of John Herr; Margaret Louisa, Mrs. Levergood; Emeline R., deceased wife of Henry Brady McNeal; and Emanuel W., a retired saddler of Harrisburg, Pa. The third wife of Mr. Schaeffer was Mrs. Winchbrenner, a native of Ohio, and who died, leaving no children, in the State of Illinois. In 1841, Judge Schaeffer was appointed by Gov. Porter, associate judge of the courts of Lancaster, which position he held for the following five years, when he was reappointed by Gov. Shunk, and discharged his duties with great fidelity for four years more. He was prominent in municipal affairs also, having served for thirteen years in the City Council, besides filling many other offices of trust. He was also connected with one of the financial institutions of the town, having been in 1841 elected president of the Lancaster Savings Institution, and which position he held for many years. In religious matters he was exceedingly zealous. From the organization of the Church of God in Lancaster, he was an elder, receiving his election annually, and he also acted as Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and was a delegate to the East Pennsylvania and General Elderships for a number of years. His death occurred Nov. 13, 1891, in Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he was at the time in attendance as a delegate to the Eldership of his church denomination.

The early life of John Levergood was passed under the strictest of Presbyterian training. His father sent him, at the age of eleven to the York Academy, the principal of which at that time was an old school Presbyterian preacher. Here he attended for three years, and then was entered as a student at Strasburg Academy, whose principal was again an old school Presbyterian, in the person of the Rev. David McCarter. Here he studied for the following three years, and then took up the study of his profession with Dr. Washington L. Atlee, of Philadelphia, Pa., and with whose family he resided during the term of his reading. He passed the examination and was licensed to practice his profession in 1847, but continued with Dr. Atlee until the spring of 1848, at which time he began active practice for himself in the town of Wrightsville, Pa. It was here he married, and soon after removed to Lancaster, where he practiced with the exception of two years and three months spent in the army as surgeon, until the date of his death. Before going into the army, he served his country loyally in the hospital service, being on duty in the Lancaster County Hospital, and resigning from that position to accept a surgeon's commission in the regular army offered him by Gov. Curtin. He went to the front and served faithfully to the close of the war in alleviating the sufferings of the noble "boys in blue." Returning to his home, he was appointed by President Andrew Johnson examining pension surgeon of the





Lancaster County District, in which position he served for two years.

Dr. Levergood was a power in the municipal life of his community, and was found ever ready to sacrifice his valuable time and great executive ability in the furtherance of her progress. He was a member of the common council during the years 1880 and 1881, during which time he acted as president of the same. One of the measures which he carried through while a member of that body, and which resulted in a great financial saving to the city, was a joint resolution instructing the Finance committee to refund city bonds to the amount of \$200,000 at a lower rate of interest. This measure was carried and resulted in saving to the city the sum of \$4,000. He also took an active part in the movement to abolish the old volunteer fire department, and to substitute the present efficient paid department. The public work of Dr. Levergood was probably more efficient in the line of his duties as a school director than in any other line, he having been a member of the board of education almost continuously from 1859 until 1889. In this body he is remembered as a splendid parliamentarian, and he left a code of rules governing that body which is in use at the present time. His decisions as president of the board were always just, and very rarely appealed from or reversed. In social life he was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., likewise a member of the Encampment. In political faith he adhered to the principles of the party of Jefferson, and was an active worker in the ranks of that organization. The history of Lancaster county could not be written without mention of the services of this eminent man.

**HARRY S. STOLL**, foreman of a section crew on the Pennsylvania railroad, has his home in Florin, where he is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Stoll was born in Elizabethtown, Pa., June 14, 1849, a son of John and Barbara (Harry) Stoll, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany.

John Stoll came to this country when a young man and settled in Elizabethtown, whither his wife had come the previous year. For forty-six years he was a section foreman for the Pennsylvania company, and at his death had been on the retired list for eight years. He died Nov. 12, 1897, at the age of eighty years; and his wife Dec. 15, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. They were both buried in the cemetery at Florin, having made that borough their home since 1854. Mr. Stoll was a Democrat, and both were members of the Methodist Church. The following were their children: Mary married George G. Lindsay, who is in business at Marietta, Pa.; Harry S.; John H. is a passenger and ticket agent at Mt. Joy; Frank is a "boss" section foreman at Landisville; and Reuben is deceased.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Stoll was John Stoll, of Germany, where he spent his life in farming. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Stoll also lived and died in Germany.

Harry S. Stoll and Miss Lydia Geistwhite were married in Florin, Pa., Oct. 13, 1870, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edwin B., a telegraph operator at Pittsburg, married Mamie Winters, and is the father of two children, Leroy and Ruth; Elizabeth A. is the wife of Charles Warner, of Pikesville, Pa.; Mary is deceased; Harvey is also deceased; and Dora and Bertha are at home.

Mrs. Lydia (Geistwhite) Stoll was born in Mt. Joy township, April 23, 1850, a daughter of John and Mary (Hoffman) Geistwhite, natives of Dauphin county, and Mt. Joy township, respectively. Her father came to Lancaster county, settling in the township of Mt. Joy where his life was spent, and where he died in March, 1846, at the age of forty-six years. His remains now rest in the cemetery at Florin. His wife was born in 1820, and is now living with her daughter in Florin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Geistwhite were members of the Methodist Church. They were parents of the following family: Lydia became Mrs. Stoll; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-three years, was working on the railroad; and Elizabeth married Henry Musselman, a coach trimmer of Florin. Mrs. Stoll's paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Winagle) Geistwhite, both natives of Dauphin county, but whose latter days were spent with their granddaughter, Mrs. Stoll. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Shaffer) Hoffman, both of Lancaster county, where he followed the occupation of a fence maker.

Harry S. Stoll spent his boyhood days on the farm, but for the past thirty-nine years has been in the employ of the railroad company. For five years he was assistant foreman, and for twenty-six years has been foreman of the section for the company. An alert and active man, he has an eye for every feature of the service, and is regarded as one of the most valuable on the line. Mr. Stoll is a member of the Methodist Church, and in his politics is a Democrat. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is highly esteemed in that fraternal order.

**JOSEPH DICKINSON COATS POWNALL**, a retired farmer of Christiana, was born in Solisbury township, Bucks county, March 26, 1840, son of Hon. Moses and Susanna (Walker) Pownall.

Hon. Moses Pownall was born Aug. 5, 1815, and was a farmer and a merchant. From 1847 to 1849 he operated a store in Christiana, dealt in coal and lumber, and was interested in a planing mill in Columbia until 1851, when a fire destroyed about \$4,000 worth of lumber for him. He was associated in the firm of Pownall, Dickinson, John L. Wright & Son. The year he was married he moved to Bucks county, where he farmed until 1845, going from there to Christiana to take up a mercantile business as noted above. In 1850 he was elected a representative in the General Assembly, and was re-elected for





the succeeding term. While in Bucks county he held the position of justice of the peace and sustained a good reputation as a business man. His death occurred Feb. 12, 1851. His widow, whose maiden name was Susanna Walker, was born June 20, 1820, and died March 26, 1882. Both were buried in Old Friends Cemetery, Sadsbury township, they being members of the Society of Friends. They had only one child, Joseph D. C.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph D. C. Pownall were Joseph and Phoebe (Dickinson) Pownall, of whom the former was born Jan. 5, 1791, and died in 1870. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Pownall were Asahel and Sarah (Coats) Walker, being farming people of Sadsbury township.

Joseph D. C. Pownall was married Feb. 17, 1864, in Philadelphia, to Mary Haines Stubbs, by whom he had the following children: M. Wilmer, cashier of the First National Bank in Coatesville, Pa., married Phoebe Thompson, by whom he has two children, William J. and Malcolm Thompson; Susanna died in infancy; Vincent S., now in the hardware business in Coatesville, married Bertha Walton, by whom he has had one child, Ruth E.; M. Elizabeth married E. Clayton Walton, also in hardware business in Coatesville; S. Edna is at home. Mrs. Pownall was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, and is the daughter of Vincent and Mary (Haines) Stubbs, the father being a native of Fulton township, and the mother of Cecil county, Md. Mr. Stubbs remained all his life on a farm in Fulton township, where he died April 8, 1875, at the age of seventy-eight years. From 1851 he had lived retired from active work. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Pownall, died Feb. 28, 1874, being seventy-one years and nine months old. They were buried in the Friends Meeting House Cemetery in Penn Hill, Little Britain township. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs had the following children: Joseph died at the age of eighteen years; Rebecca is the widow of Steven Richards, and lives in Cecil county, Md.; Thomas is deceased; Elizabeth Oxford is the widow of Dr. A. P. Patterson; Ver-linda married Thomas R. Neel, a retired farmer of Christiana, Pa.; Hannah is the widow of Samuel Parry, and has her home in Oxford, Pa.; Sophia married Thomas Smedley, and is deceased; Priscilla is the widow of Clayton Harland, and has her home in Oxford, Pa.; and Mary H. is Mrs. Pownall.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Pownall were Vincent and Priscilla (Cooper) Stubbs, farming people of Fulton township. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Rebecca (Reynolds) Haines, farming people of Cecil county, Maryland.

Joseph D. C. Pownall spent the first seven years of his life on the farm, and was then brought by his parents into Christiana. When he was eleven years of age he began clerking in the store of Mr. Coats, in which his mother bought a half interest, and remained there from 1851 to 1859. While engaged in that store he sold the powder that was used in the Christiana Riot of 1859. Mr. Pownall

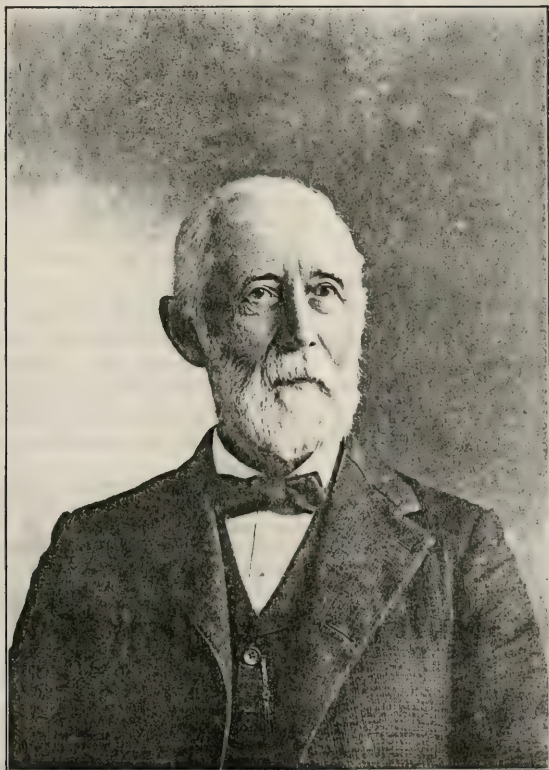
was a student for a time in the State Normal School at Millersville. For a few years he was interested in a mercantile enterprise with T. B. Mercer, and for four years he was engaged in farming in Sadsbury township; but then returning to Christiana, where he became engaged in a general mercantile business, in which he continued until 1882. From 1880 to 1896 he was connected with brick and pottery manufacturing. With his family he belongs to the Society of Friends, and is counted among the solid and substantial citizens of the community. In his politics he is a Republican.

HENRY S. HERSHEY, general manager of the Chestnut Hill Ore Mines, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, where his residence is also located, was born on the banks of the Big Chickies creek, in the same township, March 16, 1827, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Stricker) Hershey, natives, respectively, of Donegal and Rapho townships.

Christian Hershey moved to Columbia, Pa., in 1846, and was there employed by a brother, Ephraim Hershey, in a mill. Christian Hershey became a man of considerable influence; was one of the board of directors in West Hempfield township, upon the adoption of the free school system; was county commissioner for Lancaster county prior to 1840; and was also tax collector for the borough of Columbia for several years. His death occurred in Columbia in 1882, when he was aged eighty-two years, and that of his wife, who was born in 1801, occurred in the same city in 1871. They were among the founders of the United Brethren Church in Columbia, and their remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery. In politics Mr. Hershey was a Republican. The children of Christian and Elizabeth Hershey were as follows: Henry S., who is mentioned at the opening of this sketch; Peter, who was killed on the Mississippi river in 1850, by the explosion of the boilers of the steamer "Princess;" Elizabeth, widow of Thomas P. Cooper, of Columbia, Pa.; Ephraim, deceased; David, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and residing in Philadelphia; Samuel, who was killed when six years old by a kick from a horse; Isaiah and Amos, who died young; and Wilhelmina, who died when an infant. The paternal grandparents of Henry S. Hershey were Peter and Anna (Brememan) Hershey, the former of whom was a farmer; he fell from and was run over by his wagon and was killed.

Henry S. Hershey was born on a farm, and remained there with his parents until thirteen years old, when he went to Pittsburg and resided with an uncle and attended school until 1843. He returned to his native township in 1845, and followed milling until 1848, when he went West, passing the time in Illinois and Missouri until 1853. Returning home, he followed his trade until 1863, when he removed to Center county, Pa., and there followed lumbering for a year and a half. He next went to Columbia,





*H. S. Hershey*





where he held an official position with the Susquehanna Rolling Mill Company from 1864 until 1868, and then operated the Chickies Rolling Mill three years, after which he engaged in coach building until 1886.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Hershey served two terms as justice of the peace while engaged in coach-making, his last term expiring in 1896, and also served as borough councilman of Columbia several terms. In 1867 he was appointed to his present position, and in August, 1900, moved to his present home.

Henry S. Hershey was married, in Columbia, Oct. 4, 1855, to Miss Margaret S. Cox, and this marriage has been blessed with the following named children: Alice, wife of William B. Stephenson, a civil engineer in Tacoma, Wash.; Margaret, who died when fifteen years old; Mary E., widow of Frank H. Steacy, who was a chemist of prominence in Columbia; Anna B., who is unmarried, and lives with her father; Bertha, who died at the age of eight years; and Henry B., an electrical engineer, a graduate of the Lehigh University, and a resident of New York City.

Mrs. Margaret S. (Cox) Hershey was born in Lancaster, Pa., and died in Columbia in June, 1896, aged fifty-nine years; her remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery. She was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Cox, of the State of Delaware, both of whom died in Columbia, Pa., where the father had been engaged in the coal business, and had also carried on the manufacture of stages and coaches in Lancaster.

Henry S. Hershey is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and in politics is a Republican. He has traveled nearly all over the United States, and has made friends wherever he has been. He is still healthy and strong, and remarkably active for his age, and no man in the township commands more profound respect than that which is freely shown to him.

**JACOB L. RANCK.** Among the prominent farmer-citizens of Strasburg township, Lancaster county, is Jacob L. Ranck, who was born on his father's homestead, in Paradise township May 27, 1842, a son of Jacob and Susan (Leaman) Ranck, both of whom are deceased, the father in 1876, passing away at the age of sixty-five, the mother surviving until 1883.

Jacob Ranck, the father of Jacob L., was a son of Jacob and Annie (Stuck) Ranck and was reared in Paradise township, under the watchful and careful eye of his mother, who was early left a widow, and was a woman of very superior attainments and great force of character. When an older brother took charge of the farm, Jacob remained for eight years on the home farm, and then began farming operations for himself, conducting an estate consisting of 110 acres, where he lived for some two years previous to his marriage, his sisters keeping house for him. It was remarked of Jacob Ranck that he al-

ways had an object in view and steadily worked toward it, and in this way he succeeded where many men would have failed. His life was a quiet one, as he loved his home and was domestic in his tastes, devoted to the interests of his family and friends. At the time of his decease he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had done his full duty toward his children, giving each one a farm which he had earned for them. Both he and wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church and none were more truly worthy of the esteem of their neighbors. The five children born to these good people were: Benjamin, a resident of Paradise township; John K., who was a farmer and a minister; Jacob L., Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Bishop Abraham B. Herr, of New Danville; and Amos L., who resides on the old homestead, in Paradise township.

Jacob L. Ranck was reared on the old farm and was educated in the public schools, growing to sturdy manhood, alternating school with work on the farm. At the age of twenty-four he began operations on his own account on the farm his father had purchased for him, in Strasburg township, located about one mile northeast of Strasburg. When Jacob L. took charge of the place, it was sadly in need of improvement, as it had been much neglected, but in a very short time things put on a quite different appearance and it now ranks with the best in the county. For some thirty-two years he resided on this place, becoming one of the leading farmers and, following the example of his father, has provided farms in Strasburg township, for his three children. A stockholder and director in the Strasburg National Bank, he is reckoned one of the solid and substantial men of the county, and for ten years has been a member of the school board, always taking a deep interest in educational matters. In 1898 he erected a fine modern residence near Strasburg—one of the best houses in the neighborhood.

On Oct. 31, 1865, Jacob L. Ranck was married to Hettie Herr, daughter of Rev. Amos and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Herr, born in West Lampeter township, June 11, 1841, and the children born of this union were: a son that died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twelve; Amanda, who died at the age of ten; Amos, who died at the age of twenty months; Reuben, who died at the age of thirteen months; Milton H., born June 2, 1877, a tobacco packer in Strasburg, who lives at home; Anna N., born June 28, 1880, living at home; and S. Etta, born April 5, 1883. The family are all members of the Old Mennonite Church, with which their ancestors and connections have been so closely allied, and are among the most esteemed of the congregation in Strasburg, where Mr. Ranck is one of the trustees.

**MAHLON B. KENT**, whose long and creditable career as a hardware merchant at Christiana abundantly deserves the well earned rest he is now taking, was born in West Fallowfield, Chester Co.,



Pa., Nov. 14, 1841, son of Daniel and Sarah (Brosius) Kent, natives of East and West Fallowfield townships, respectively.

Daniel Kent, who was a farmer, died in 1881, at the age of seventy-nine, proving himself a thoroughly competent and successful business man, and skilled in agricultural industry. He married Sarah Brosius, daughter of Henry and Mary (Roberts) Brosius, farming people of Chester county. She survived until 1894, dying at the age of eighty-six. They were members of the Religious Society of Friends. Their children were as follows: Mary B., who married, first, Caleb M. Brosius, second, Harry Perry, and third, Elihu M. Clark, is now deceased; Anna E., deceased, married Isaac D. Shoemaker; Agnes J., deceased, married J. Calvin Bickling; Henry B. married Jane W. Bailey, of Cambridge, Chester county; Ruthana married H. K. Cooper, of Chester county; William L. G. married, first, Elizabeth Shoemaker, and second, Anna E. Lofland; Mahlon B.; and Thomas E. and Sally A. both died young.

The paternal grandparents of Mahlon B. Kent were Daniel, Sr., and Esther (Hawley) Kent. Daniel Kent, Sr., was born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to this country in his twentieth year, on the brigantine "Asia." He bound himself by indenture, dated May 21, 1785, in the sum of £10, 10s. to the master, John Johnson, to pay for his passage. On his arrival in Philadelphia the indenture was signed over to Joseph Hawley in consideration of £14, 10s. paid by him. The young emigrant faithfully served his time, and afterward married Esther Hawley, a daughter of his benefactor. He engaged in farming in Chester county, though by trade a cutler, and attained considerable prominence in his new home, serving as justice of the peace for many years.

Mahlon B. Kent was twice married. In 1867, in Philadelphia, he wedded Maranda Brosius, who became the mother of one child, Wilfred M., who died at the age of four months and twenty days. Mrs. Kent was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, in February, 1842, and died June 12, 1872. She was a sister of the Hon. Marriott Brosius, whose sketch appears elsewhere. On Nov. 14, 1874, in Chester county, Mr. Kent married for his second wife Anna Roberts Walton, who was born in West Fallowfield township, Chester county, in 1835, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Walton) Walton, the former a successful farmer of that locality.

Mahlon B. Kent was reared on a farm, and there he remained until 1873. The following year he secured a position as Indian Agent, and was stationed at the government reservation in Richardson county, Neb. For seven years he well and faithfully fulfilled the arduous duties of this place, when he engaged in the hardware business at White Cloud, Kans., continuing same for five years. Following his stay at White Cloud, he was in the coal and lumber business for two years at Hookessin, Del., but this business did not prove congenial, and he came to

Christiana in 1893, to find a home, which he has maintained to the present time. For six years Mr. Kent has held a position in the borough council, for four years acting as president of that body. In religion he is a member of the Friends' Association, and in politics he is a Republican.

JOHN E. HERSHEY, a representative farmer in Lancaster city, belongs to one of the most highly respected agricultural families of this county.

John Hershey, his grandfather, lived and died near Bareville, this county, where his farm was one of the best cultivated and most productive. Through life a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, he lived a quiet, unostentatious life, devoted to his work, his religious duties and his family. His children were: Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of Everheart Weaver; Maria, who was the wife of John Landis; Annie, who was the wife of Peter Brown; Lydia, who was the wife of Samuel Groff; Andrew, who was a farmer near Bareville; Samuel, the father of John E.; and Jacob, who was a farmer and miller, near Leaman, this county.

Samuel Hershey was born on the old homestead, about 1813, and was devoted to the tillage of the soil during his long and useful life, which closed in 1873. In politics he was a Republican and held the office of school director a number of years. His religious connection was with the Old Mennonite Church. He was thrice married. His first wife, Nancy Groff, died leaving no children. By his second wife, Elizabeth Eby, five children were born, of whom the eldest died in infancy; Eby (deceased) was a farmer of Strasburg township; John E. is our subject; Mary is unmarried; and Milton E. is a farmer of Lancaster township. After the death of his second wife, Mr. Hershey was married to Fanny Lintner, who still survives. The children of this union are: Lintner, a farmer, residing with his mother; Aldus, a farmer of Lancaster township; Willis, of Lancaster township; and Ella, who resides at home.

John E. Hershey was born on the home farm, adjoining the place where he now resides, in February, 1846. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, beginning then his own career by taking charge of a farm adjoining, upon which he remained for three years, when he moved to his present location. Here Mr. Hershey has expended time, energy and labor, the result being one of the best eighty-acre tracts in this locality. Its value is enhanced on account of its location being partly within the city limits of Lancaster. This land originally belonged to his father, and was purchased from the latter's estate. Mr. Hershey has most comfortable and appropriate buildings, both for residence and for dairying, having been in the latter business for thirty-two years. During the past fifteen years he has been fattening horses for New York dealers.





Mr. Hershey was married to Annie Bauman, and six children were born to this union: Mary, at home; Clayton, who died at the age of five years; Albert, who died at the age of three years; Edith, at home; Laura, who died at the age of nine years; and Florence, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Hershey is one of the most respected and substantial residents of the township, is well known through the city of Lancaster, and is a thoroughly representative citizen. His political support is given to the Republican party.

JACOB ZERCHER, a general farmer and a man of much character and standing in Mt. Joy, was born in Pequea township, Lancaster county, Dec. 25, 1840, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Johnson) Zercher, of Lancaster county. His grandparents were also natives and residents of Lancaster county.

Andrew Zercher died in Conestoga township in 1889 at the age of seventy-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Pequea Meeting House, in the township of that name. In his younger days he was a wagon maker, and from 1845 to 1866 he was engaged in farming. His last years were spent in retirement. Mrs. Elizabeth Zercher, who is still living in Conestoga township, was born in February, 1809. They were the parents of the following children: John J., who died at the age of thirty-two years; Benjamin, who died at the age of eighteen years; Jacob; and Elizabeth, who married Christ. B. Miller, a farmer of Conestoga.

Jacob Zercher was married in November, 1866, in West Hempfield township, to Lizzie S. Hostetter, and born to this union were: Ezra H., a farmer in East Donegal, who married Lizzie Hertzler; Lizzie, the wife of Jacob N. Hershey, who is in the creamery business in East Berlin, Pa.; Mary, married to Ezra H. Engle, a farmer; Fanny, who married Abigner Martin, a farmer of West Donegal; Andrew, at home; Anna, who died young; Naomi, who is at home unmarried; Jacob, deceased, twin to Naomi; and Martha and Ira J., at home.

Mrs. Lizzie (Hostetter) Zercher was born in West Hempfield township March 15, 1844, daughter of Rev. Jacob and Anna (Stauffer) Hostetter, natives of West Hempfield and Donegal townships, both of whom died in West Hempfield. Her father was a farmer and died in December, 1888, at the age of ninety years; her mother died the same year at the age of eighty-two years. Both were members of the River Brethren Church, and were buried in the Cross Roads Church Cemetery in Donegal township. The father was a bishop in his church for many years, and was a consecrated and devoted Christian. The following children were born to them: Abraham, a retired farmer in Rapho township; Catherine, who married Martin Musser, a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Jacob, now a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Martha, who married Michael Grove, a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Christian, a retired farmer living on the old

homestead in the township of Rapho; Mary, deceased wife of Eli Lindemuth; Anna, who is the widow of Abraham Engle, and is living in Donegal township; Susan, who married Benjamin Zeigler, a farmer in Providence, Lancaster county; and Lizzie.

Jacob Zercher remained with his parents until 1867, when he began farming for himself, leasing land of his father, paying his rent with a share of the produce. This he continued for six years, when he took charge of his present farm of two hundred acres. Here he has done well, both in general farming, and in the specialties of horse and cattle breeding to which he gives close attention. Mr. Zercher is a member of the Church of the River Brethren, and is regarded as one of the solid and reliable members of that communion. An energetic and progressive citizen, he has won a good place in life, and holds the confidence and respect of the community to a marked degree.

AMOS K. HERR, a retired farmer, and one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Lancaster, was born Nov. 15, 1839, a son of John and Fanny (Greider) Herr, the former a native of Strasburg township, and the latter of West Lampeter township, both of this county.

John Herr was engaged in farming until 1889, when he retired, removing to Lancaster, and occupied himself with cultivating some fifteen acres, all of which land was in excellent condition. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1894, when he was eighty-six years, ten months and twenty-two days old, and his wife died Aug. 26, 1878, aged seventy-eight years, one month and fourteen days. Both are buried in Longnecker Cemetery, and they were prominent in the Mennonite Church. The family born to them was as follows: Christian, who died Dec. 6, 1855, aged twenty-two years, one month and four days; Abraham K., who died Nov. 7, 1896, aged sixty-one years, seven months and twenty-one days; Anna, who died Feb. 21, 1886, aged forty-eight years and seven months, and who was the wife of Franklin Bowman; Amos K.; Fanny, who married George L. Buckwalder, a retired farmer of E. Lampeter township; and Susan, who married B. F. Herr, of Millersville, Pa., a prominent merchant and ex-physician. The paternal grandfather was Martin Herr, a prominent farmer of Lancaster county; he married Susannah Buckwalder.

The boyhood days of Amos K. Herr were spent upon a farm, and when he attained manhood's estate, he engaged in farming for himself, and also manufactured bricks at Strasburg, Pa., in 1876, becoming a partner of Jacob Lahr in the latter calling. This partnership continued seven years, when it was dissolved and for five years Mr. Herr continued the manufacture alone, then sold his interests, and in 1891 retired to Lancaster, where he has since resided, enjoying the fruits of his years of labor.

On Feb. 2, 1870, in Lancaster, Mr. Herr was married to Elizabeth Kohr, born Nov. 17, 1839, in





Conestoga township, daughter of Bishop John Kohr, Sr., of Manheim township. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr, John K., a machinist, who resides at home. For forty years Mr. Herr has been a member of the New Meimonite Church, and is a man of sterling integrity and uprightness of purpose, who enjoys the good will and confidence of the community in which he makes his home.

SAMUEL S. HIGH (deceased) belonged to that class of business men who leave an impress upon their day and generation, through the integrity of their dealings and the uprightness of their lives. At his death the city of Lancaster parted with one of her most useful and progressive citizens. Mr. High belonged to Lancaster county by parentage and birth, the latter taking place Nov. 28, 1830, in East Earl township. His parents were Jacob and Susan (Hoffman) High.

The early rearing of Mr. High was on a farm, and his education was obtained in the country schools. While still a young man he was engaged in storekeeping with his brother, ex-Sheriff John H. High, at Spring Grove, for a period of eight years. Moving then to Ephrata he embarked in a mercantile business, continuing at this point until 1872, when he came to Lancaster. Here Mr. High entered into a partnership with Isaac Stirk, the firm name being, Stirk & High, and the business was located on the present site of the large new store of Watt & Shand. This was called China Hall, and a very large and prosperous business was carried on here, the firm gaining friends and patrons for many miles in the vicinity of Lancaster. In 1875 Mr. Stirk retired and Mr. High took into partnership J. Charles Martin, his step-son, and the firm style was changed to High & Martin, and the business was located at No. 15 East King street.

The first marriage of Mr. High was to Harriet Geist, a native of Earl township, who died without issue. His second marriage was to Mrs. Catherine (Kinzer) Martin. By her first husband, John J. Martin, Mrs. High has two children, viz.: Laura, who married Landis Levan, a miller, in Lancaster township, and they have five children; and J. Charles, a retired merchant of Lancaster, who has one child. Mrs. High was born in East Earl township, daughter of Amos S. and Maria L. (Himes) Kinzer, of Lancaster. Mr. Martin was a farmer in East Earl township, where he died in 1852, aged twenty-seven years, and was buried in the Weaverland cemetery in that township.

Mr. High was a thorough and practical business man and was relied upon for his excellent judgment and keen insight. His prosperity was won through industry and honorable methods, and when he died, the community lost a valued citizen. His progressive character was shown in his connection with some of the leading enterprises of the city. He was interested in the Electric Lighting Co. and the Street Railway Co., and also the Steam Radiator

Co., of Lancaster, and was secretary of the Poplar Bluffs Lumber & Mfg. Co., of Missouri. Although he had so many business interests, he never forgot his religious duties and was an active worker in St. John's Lutheran Church, trustee in the same, and was chairman of the building committee. At various times he was trustee and elder, and for many years, superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was a man who lived up to his principles and thus won the sincere esteem of all who knew him.

ABRAHAM E. STAUFFER, a general farmer and highly respected resident of Silver Spring, in West Hempfield township, was born in Chickies, that township, Sept. 11, 1833, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Stauffer, both of whom lived and died in West Hempfield township.

Henry Stauffer was a farmer by vocation and was quite a prominent and influential citizen, and for some years served his fellow townsmen as school director and supervisor. His death occurred in 1890, when eighty-three years old; that of his first wife had taken place much earlier—in 1829, when forty-two years of age. To the marriage of Henry and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Stauffer were born the following named children: Anna, widow of Jacob Risser, of Maytown; Hettie, wife of Jacob Powers, of Downersville; Elizabeth, who died young; Abraham E.; Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Barbara, deceased wife of Michael Schindle; Mary, the wife of John Fridy, a farmer of West Hempfield township; and Miss Susanah, deceased. Some time after the demise of his first wife, Henry Stauffer married Barbara Harnish, and to this union were born two children, both of whom died young. The paternal grandparents of Abraham E. Stauffer were natives of Lancaster county, and were farming people, and the same may be stated of the maternal grandparents.

Abraham E. Stauffer assisted on the home farm until he had attained his majority, then rented the home place for three years, and carried on agriculture on his own account. At the termination of this period, Henry Stauffer deeded the farm to his son Abraham, on the sole condition that the latter was to pay the former a limited sum annually during life. Two years later Abraham traded the old place for his present farm of forty-seven acres.

In October, 1851, Abraham E. Stauffer was joined in matrimony at Black Horse, this county, with Miss Adaline B. Hoffman, who was born in East Hempfield township in October, 1836, a daughter of John and Catherine (Ballmer) Hoffman, of Lancaster county. To this marriage have been born five children, viz.: Mary A., who married Andrew G. Shirk, a railroad flagman in Columbia, and has one daughter, Adaline S.; Miana H., who married Adam D. Heidlauf, of West Hempfield, and has a son, Phares S.; Hiram H., of Manor township, who married Frances Garber, and has two children, Clarence G. and Anna May; Catharine H., who married



Aram Lenhard, a farmer of West Hempfield, and has a daughter Saloma S.; and Milton H., unmarried, and living at home.

Abraham E. Stauffer has ever been a hard-working farmer and an upright man, whose course through life has been of that even tenor as to gain the respect unsought, of the entire community in which he has passed so many years of his useful life. In politics he is a Republican.

**MARIS B. WEAVER.** Among the energetic and successful business men, long and well-known in Lampeter, is Maris B. Weaver, a member of the old established family of that name, of whom this record has had much to say.

Maris B. Weaver was born in Conestoga township, Jan. 8, 1838, son of Simon R., and a grandson of Samuel, Weaver, both old residents of the county.

Simon R. Weaver was born on the farm near Lampeter, which is now the property of Henry Shaub, and there he was reared and learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed some ten years, his place of business being at Conestoga Center, but he later engaged in farming for a number of years, returning to his trade, previous to his decease, which occurred at the age of forty-six. He married Hettie Bachman, daughter of John Bachman, of Pequea township, and to them were born: Maris B.; Annie, who married T. L. Stafford, of Colerain township; John B., a resident of Gordonville; Emma (deceased), who married William Sterling, a resident of Gap; Charles, of Leacock township; S. W., of Paradise township; Effie, who married Samuel Harting, of Germantown, Pa.; Frank B., of Paradise township; and Jennie, who married Philip Hottenstein, of Lancaster.

Maris B. Weaver was the oldest of the children and he was reared on the farm. After he had received his education in the public schools of his district, he entered his father's shop and soon became a very capable workman. When twenty-six years old, he embarked in the business for himself, opening a shop at Stonersville, where he remained for four years, purchasing his present excellent location in 1878, where he has, by close attention to business and a complete understanding of the farrier trade, built up a large and increasing business and has gained the confidence of the public. In 1899 he purchased a farm of forty-two acres, in West Lampeter township, where he is making valuable improvements, and he is also the owner of other real estate, consisting of a seven-acre tract at Lampeter, and his residence property. His rank is with the substantial men of the locality, and he is one of the stockholders of the People's Bank, at Lancaster City.

Being a representative Republican, he has taken an active interest in the public affairs of his district, and he has been called upon to serve as a delegate to the State conventions. In 1897 he was honored by the appointment as prison superintendent of Lan-

caster county, and served as president of the Prison Board in 1899, and has also filled all the local offices most efficiently.

Maris B. Weaver was married, in 1874, to Hettie A. Zittle, a daughter of Elijah Zittle, of West Lampeter township, and three children have been born of this union: Effie B., who remains at home; A. Mylin, a blacksmith by trade; and Esther, also at home. This family possesses the respect and esteem of the community and well represents the old and honored families from which it has descended.

**HENRY B. HAINES.** Among the prosperous business men of Maytown, who, by energy and ability, have done much to place this locality favorably before the public, is Henry B. Haines, the well-known cigar manufacturer.

Mr. Haines comes of worthy ancestry. His great-grandfather, Henry Haines, was born near Columbia, Pa., Dec. 3, 1759, and at an early age was apprenticed to a tailor, according to the custom of the times, his desultory education being acquired at a German night school. His eighteenth birthday came in a trying period of our country's history, and at that time he was one of the brave young men who came forward to help to uphold the banner of his country. Song and story have told the world the tale of the brave deeds done by the youth of the land during the Revolution, and in some of the most stirring events Henry Haines bore well his part. On account of his reliability he was one of the guards chosen to assist in the removal of the Hessian prisoners to Lancaster county, after the battle of Trenton, and later he was attached to Col. Bole's command, in the expedition up the Susquehanna, against the Indians. After the close of the war, Henry Haines settled down in the village of Maytown, where he became a prominent man. An ardent upholder of Democratic principles, he took a leading part in the politics of the day, and in 1810 and 1811 was a member of the General Assembly, being re-elected in 1825, and again in 1828, but failing health prevented any more public service. In this connection it is interesting to record that he was approached by members of the Anti-Masonic party, which was then agitating public matters in the country, with a proposition to become their Senatorial candidate, on account of his known popularity. This suggestion was met with scorn and contempt by the stern old Jeffersonian, his Democracy being so pronounced that at the age of eighty-three, feeble and blind, he still insisted upon casting his vote in favor of the party in whose principles he had so much faith. In 1797 he had been appointed a justice of the peace, and some time afterward was commissioned a captain of militia, by Gov. Simon Snyder. His death took place Feb. 1, 1842, and he left a mark upon his day and generation. Henry Haines' wife also bore the name of Haines, and to this union were born: Henry, Jr.; Thomas; Anthony; Catherine, who married Reuben Welshance; Elizabeth, who married George





Terry; Charlotte, who married Philip Shaffner; and Rosetta, who married Michael Miller.

Major Henry Haines, Jr., grandfather of our subject, married for his first wife, Elizabeth Barr, and their children were as follows: Ann, who married A. C. Reynolds, of Elmira, N. Y.; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. His second marriage was to Anna Barr, a sister of his first wife. Their children were, Henry A., and George B. For his third wife Major Haines married Mrs. Jacob Barr, and to this marriage there were no children.

Capt. Henry A. Haines was born Nov. 8, 1835, and died in Maytown April 7, 1896, at the age of sixty, his remains being reverently interred in the Union Cemetery of Maytown. In his death Lancaster county lost a popular veteran and one of its most prominent citizens. Early in life Capt. Haines had followed the trade of a shoemaker but in the course of time became manager of a large tobacco farm belonging to Hon. Simon Cameron. Having inherited from his father a talent and desire for public life he naturally entered therein, and for many years was more or less in the service of the public. For some time he was captain of the militia company known as the Maytown Fencibles, and at the outbreak of the Civil war he offered the service of himself and his company to the government. Their offer was accepted, and as Co. A. they were assigned to the 10th P. V. I. for the term of three months, Capt. Haines being the company's commanding officer. At the expiration of the three months for which they had enlisted, the company was mustered out of service, and Capt. Haines at once raised a company which became Co. B, 45th P. V. I. under Col. Welsh, which was raised in Lancaster and adjoining counties, and in which Capt. Haines was the ranking captain. When the battle of Antietam was fought, Capt. Haines, who was then in recruiting service, was commissioned major of the regiment, he being entitled to the vacant position as he was then ranking captain. The General commanding the brigade, with whom the Captain had had some differences, refused to indorse the appointment, and Capt. Haines at once resigned his commission as captain, although he was urged by men of prominence not to do so. Soon afterward he was made captain of Co. C, 184th P. V. I., and served with that regiment until his discharge at Annapolis, Md., in 1865. He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Cold Harbor, and was taken prisoner at Petersburg and was in rebel prisons eleven months. Until the Gubernatorial campaign in which Gen. Beaver was defeated for Governor of Pennsylvania, Capt. Haines was a Democrat. In that campaign the Captain took an active part in the interest of his beloved commander, and from that time until the close of his active life he was an ardent Republican, as a man of his positive character would naturally be. Under Collector A. J. Kaufmann he served as storekeeper and gauger in the revenue service. During the administration of Gen. Arthur, his serv-

ices to his party were recognized, and he was made postmaster of Maytown, holding the position until the election of Grover Cleveland in 1892 made a change in the office in favor of a Democrat. Externally the Captain was connected with Lieut. William A. Childs Post, No. 226, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania, and located in Marietta.

On Oct. 13, 1857, in Elizabethtown, Capt. Haines was married by Rev. Latzel, to Catherine A. Brown, who was born in Maytown, May 5, 1840. To this union were born: Anna L., who married Rev. J. E. Mackley, a minister of the Reformed Church, of Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.; and Henry B., the subject of this sketch. Catherine A. (Brown) Haines was a daughter of John and Catherine (Murray) Brown, of Chester county, and of Maytown, respectively. John Brown had come to Maytown at an early day, in pursuit of his trades of wheelwright and chairmaker, remaining here until his death in 1852, at the age of sixty-one, his wife surviving until 1875, and dying at the age of sixty-nine. Both were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Maytown; they had been devout church members, he of the Lutheran, she of the Reformed Church. Their children were Charles, Elizabeth and William, all three deceased; Fanny, of Stockton, Cal.; Henry, a shoe merchant of West Milton, Ohio; Rebecca, the widow of Abraham Gettmacher, of Maytown; John, who died in Andersonville prison, during the Civil war; George, a soldier, of Parkersburg, Va.; Mary, deceased; and the youngest, Catherine A., Mrs. Haines, who now resides in Maytown.

Henry B. Haines was born in Maytown, May 3, 1867, and was educated in the public schools. He assisted his father in the management of the tobacco farm until the age of fifteen, when he received an appointment as assistant express messenger, between Philadelphia and Pottsville, retaining this run for five months; at the end of this time, through the kindness of Gen. Cameron, he was appointed to a position in the Electric Light department of the Philadelphia postoffice, where he remained for eight years, leaving there as superintendent. At this time Mr. Haines is manufacturing cigars in Maytown, his output of cigars annually amounting to great numbers.

On Nov. 22, 1893, Henry B. Haines and Miriam L. Longenecker, a daughter of Christian Longenecker, of Maytown, were united in marriage, and to this union has been born one son, Henry L. Socially Mr. Haines is connected with the A. O. U. M. and the Sons of Veterans, is an active member of the Republican party, and is a valued and consistent member of the Reformed Church.

**COL. WILLIAM COLEMAN HENDERSON.** This gallant veteran of the Civil war, and retired farmer with his residence in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, on the old Lancaster & Philadelphia Road near White Horse, was born in Salisbury township June 22, 1827, a son of Thomas Gil-



fillan and Mary Ann (Jacobs) Henderson, of Salisbury and Colebrook Furnace, respectively, and the parents of nine children, namely: James S., who died in infancy; Maj. Samuel J., a retired farmer and ex-justice of the peace; Col. William C.; Mary S., who died when twelve years old; Anna W., unmarried and living with Col. William C.; James, deceased; Thomas G., who died aged twenty; and Rachel and Eliza, who died young.

Thomas Gilfillan Henderson, the father of this family, was extensively engaged in farming and was familiarly known as "King Tommy," from his owning an immense amount of land. He was a justice of the peace, and he died honored and esteemed in 1870, at the advanced age of eighty-two years; his wife was called away in 1863, and their remains were buried in St. John's Episcopal Churchyard at Compass, Chester county.

Col. William C. Henderson remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to New York City and clerked four years, when, on account of impaired health he returned to his home and farmed until 1860, when he sold his property and went to Whiteside county, Ill., where he was engaged in farming when the Civil war broke out. He at once offered himself in the defense of the integrity of his country's flag, enlisting in Co. B, 13th Ill. V. I., having himself raised the company; he was appointed quartermaster by Gov. Richard Yates, served at the front for three years, and bore a brave and gallant part throughout, and was finally honorably discharged for disability, his avoirdupois having been reduced from 235 at the time of enlistment to 104 at the date of his discharge at Vicksburg—rheumatism and diarrhoea having wasted his frame.

Prior to his enlistment Col. Henderson had been twice married: first, in 1852, at Fairfield, Conn., to Emma A. Phelps, who bore him one child, George P., now in the fruit business at Philadelphia, but residing at Parkesburg, Pa., and married to Lucy Essick. Mrs. Emma (Phelps) Henderson was born in Fairfield, Conn., a daughter of George A. and Eliza (Ayers) Phelps, and died in New York, in 1855, at the age of twenty-four years, her remains being sent to Fairfield for interment. The second marriage of Col. Henderson took place Oct. 17, 1856, in Chester county, Pa., to Jane B. Jacobs, and to this union has been born one son, Richard J., now a machinist in Newark, N. J., and who first married Anna Cross, and second Celestia Shaffer. Mrs. Jane B. (Jacobs) Henderson was born in Chester county, Pa., a daughter of Joseph B. and Anna (Bowen) Jacobs, of the same county, and died in Bellefonte, Pa., while on a visit in 1867, when thirty-seven years old.

To resume the record of Col. Henderson's life career from the point where the above digression was made: on his discharge from the army in 1864 he returned to Whiteside county, Ill., with the intention of recuperating his health, but found that his wife's health had become impaired; he therefore sold

his farm and returned to Pennsylvania and lived in retirement in Chester county until the death of his second wife (in 1867), when he returned to the old homestead, where he remained until 1871, when he went to Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., Colo., and dealt in horses, etc., for five years. Col. Henderson then came back to the old homestead in Salisbury township, lived there a few years, when he retired to his present farm.

In politics Col. Henderson is a Republican, and for twenty-five years served as township auditor off and on, finally declining further service; in religion he is an Episcopalian. His military title was not acquired through his service in the army, but from his having been appointed an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. William F. Johnson in 1852, on which he served his full time. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and a member of Thompson Lodge, No. 340, and also a member of Post No. 31, G. A. R., West-chester.

Col. Henderson, a brother, a sister and a granddaughter all reside together in domestic felicity. The Colonel is still compelled to use crutches on account of rheumatism contracted while in the army.

Thomas Henderson, great-great-grandfather of the Colonel, came from the north of Ireland to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1727, and settled in Salisbury township on the old Lancaster & Philadelphia Road, seventeen miles from Lancaster, forty-nine miles from Philadelphia, one-eighth of a mile from White Horse, and there engaged in farming and mercantile business, besides conducting a hotel. He had a family of nine children, to-wit: Matthew (born in 1733), Archibald, William, Thomas, Mary (who married John Skiles), Rebecca (who married John Griffith), Catherine (who wedded Robert Darlington), Margaret (wife of John Graham), and John.

The paternal grandparents of the Colonel, James and Mary (Skidmore) Henderson, were natives, respectively, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., and Long Island, N. Y. The grandfather was a prominent merchant and farmer, and died in 1822, at the age of sixty-six, but the grandmother was comparatively young at her death. They were members of the Episcopal Church and were interred in St. John's cemetery. They were the parents of three children, viz.: Thomas G., father of the Colonel; Rachel, who was married to Richard Suydam, of New York; and Abigail, who died young. The paternal great-grandparents, Matthew and Rachel (Clemson) Henderson, were natives of Lancaster county, and of whom the great-grandfather was a farmer and hotel keeper, being landlord of the "Three Crowns" Hotel (England, Ireland and Scotland), in Salisbury township. He was also a wealthy landowner. He had born to him ten children in the following order: James (grandfather of the Colonel), Sept. 12, 1756; Sarah H., Jan. 19, 1758; Thomas, Aug. 30, 1759; Mary, Dec. 17, 1761; Clemson, March 8, 1766; Archibald, Jan. 31, 1767; Matthew, Sept. 10, 1768; John, July 4, 1770; Earton,





Dec. 4, 1775; and Mary Ann, July 17, 1778. Of these children, James served in the war for American independence on the British side, as he had had six fine horses stolen by the Colonial troops; he fought all through the conflict, and for his services was granted land in Nova Scotia by the British government, but after a short residence there he settled on the Col. Atley farm, which he purchased in Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

MAY. SAMUEL JACOB HENDERSON, brother of Col. William C. Henderson, was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 8, 1824, and is now living retired. He was formerly a farmer and a justice of the peace. He never married, but lived with his parents until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he was one of the first to enlist in Co. F, 25th P. V. I., in the ninety-day service, having assisted in raising the company. He was appointed on Gen. B. A. Shaffer's staff as major and quartermaster, and in time of peace has served in various civic offices for the past fifty years. In 1871 he went to Colorado and was engaged in prospecting for gold until 1875, when he returned to his home, a panic having occurred. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and politically is a Republican, and both brothers are greatly respected as among the most substantial and most public spirited citizens of Salisbury township.

AMOS RUTTER, who died Aug. 15, 1902, was a prominent coal and grain dealer in New Holland, where he also had an extensive feed and salt business. He was born in Leacock township, this county, May 23, 1830, son of Amos (Sr.) and Esther (Royer) Rutter.

The first representative of the Rutter family in Lancaster county of whom anything definite is known was Conrad Rutter, who left Rhenish Prussia in 1682, going to England to escape the French war, and came to America the following year, making his home in Philadelphia. He was one of a colony of thirteen families who under the leadership of Francis Danielson Pastorius took up the land which is now the site of the city of Germantown. There he remained until 1689, when he removed to Montgomery county, where he took up land and made his home until 1700, in that year going into Lancaster county with some English families by the name of Douglass, and settling in Salisbury township. Conrad Rutter still later moved into Leacock township, where he secured 380 acres of land in one piece. He had two neighbors, Peter and Henry Skiles. From this ancestor the line is through his son Andrew, who had a son Henry; Henry became the father of Joseph, whose son, Amos, Sr., was the father of Amos.

Conrad Rutter was instrumental in founding the first Episcopal Church in Lancaster county, one hundred and seventy-one years ago. In 1730 Sebastian Royer donated ground for a Lutheran and Reformed Church in northern Lancaster, which church was located in Brickerville, and became a hospital during the Revolution; in 1808 it was rebuilt. The German

Reformed Church built in 1747 was known as the Royer Church, and was also used as a hospital during the Revolution; it was rebuilt in 1813. Some of the soldiers who died in the church were interred in the church burying ground.

Joseph Rutter, the grandfather of Amos, was born and reared in Lancaster county. On Aug. 29, 1786, he was married, by Rev. J. Frederick Illings, to Margaret Besore, who bore him the following children: John, Joseph, Amos, Sr., Daniel, Henry, Mary (who married a Mr. Foltz), and Baltzer.

Amos Rutter, Sr., was born in 1791, and died in 1868. His entire life was passed in Leacock township, where he was first engaged in shoemaking, but later followed farming. For the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired. A man of unusually sound judgment, he was often called upon to settle estates and to fill other positions of trust. He married Esther Royer, who was born in 1795, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Frick) Royer, farming people of Lancaster county, and died in 1850. The first of the Royer family in America was Sebastian Royer, who left two sons in Montgomery county, Pa., from whom sprang a numerous progeny in Chester and Montgomery counties. Sebastian Royer first located in Montgomery county in 1720, and the same year came to Lancaster. Mrs. Esther (Royer) Rutter was in the fifth generation from him. To Amos Rutter, Sr., and his wife were born the following children: John, who married Caroline Snader; Anne, who wedded Levi Good; Mary, who became the wife of Rudy Evans; Joseph, who married Henrietta Hartman; Catherine, who married Roland Wenger; Jeremiah H., who married Christiana Bear; and Amos, all these now deceased. The survivors are Jonathan, a retired farmer of Leacock township; and Esther, widow of Isaac Miller, of Paradise township.

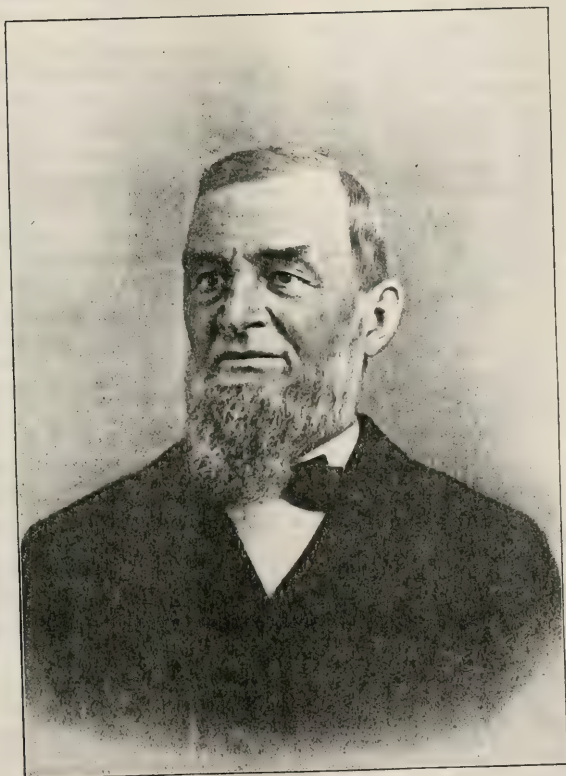
Through his maternal grandmother, Anna (Frick) Royer, Mr. Rutter's ancestral line is traced to Jacob Frick, who was born in 1620 in Switzerland, where he held an official position in one of the Cantons. He suffered terribly in the persecution of the Protestants, being a convert of Meano Simon, the Mennonite reformer. He had one son, born in 1650, who had one daughter, Barbara, and two sons, Jacob and John.

Amos Rutter was reared on the farm, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he entered a dry goods store in New Holland. There he continued until 1855, in which year he became a partner with D. Richwine and his brother, in a dry-goods and notions store in New Holland. Seven years later Amos and his brother, Jeremiah H., purchased the interest of the Richwines. Together they operated the store a few years, and then disposed of it at a good figure, buying the J. F. Seldomridge store, at Intercourse, where they remained eleven years, Amos Rutter being postmaster there during the time. In 1874 he came back to New Holland, and, building a warehouse, engaged in the





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grain, coal and feed business, in connection therewith handling second-class freight and tickets for the Pennsylvania Company, doing also an express business until 1892. Mr. Rutter was prison inspector of Lancaster county for three years, a position thrust upon him against his will, as he disclaimed all political ambitions. He had been a vestryman in the Lutheran Church from 1862, had been deacon and elder, and was a trustee in that body up to the time of his death. He belonged to the Lancaster County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania German Society.

On Sept. 2, 1856, in New Holland, Amos Rutter was married, by Rev. John Kohler, to Catherine E. Mentzer, and there were born to this union: Eugene M., of New Holland, who married Annie Geahr, and has four children, Lillian M., Mary E., Pauline K. and Emily G.; and Lillian, at home.

Mrs. Catherine E. (Mentzer) Rutter was born in New Holland in 1835, daughter of Paul and Sarah (Kurtz) Mentzer, who were born in New Holland and Lancaster, respectively. Paul Mentzer, who was a blacksmith by trade, died in New Holland in 1892, at the age of eighty-seven; his wife died Nov. 25, 1864, at the age of sixty years. Both were buried in the cemetery at New Holland, which is connected with the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: Catherine E., Mrs. Rutter, is the eldest; Jacob K., now a grocer of Lancaster, married (first) Margaret Schaefer, and (second) Annie M. Leightner; Annie L. died at the age of twenty-four; Samuel J. died when a year and a half old; William H., a retired farmer of New Holland, married Jane Wilson. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Rutter were Jacob and Elizabeth (Johns) Mentzer; her maternal grandparents were Christopher and Magdalena (Martin) Kurtz. Mrs. Rutter has been a member of the Lutheran Church of New Holland for the last fifty years, and for many years has been a teacher in the Sunday-school. She is a woman of much character and ability, and was a worthy companion for Mr. Rutter.

**JOHN W. KINARD, M. D.** Among the successful physicians of Lancaster is Dr. John W. Kinard, who is recognized as a man of ability, wide and comprehensive study and large experience. Dr. Kinard is a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Olewiler) Kinard, natives of York county, Pennsylvania.

The great-grandfather of Dr. Kinard was a native of Scotland, who emigrated to this country at an early date, and settled in York county, Pa., engaging in farming to the time of his death. His son, the grandfather, as well as Simon Kinard, the father, were born in this prosperous region of the Keystone State, and became well known in that locality.

Simon Kinard owned and operated a fine farm of 120 acres near Wrightsville, Pa., residing upon it until the time of his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was fifty-six years of age. His wife survived him until September, 1896, when she, too,

passed away, aged sixty-six years, and is buried at East Prospect. She was a daughter of Jacob Olewiler, also a native of York, Pennsylvania.

Dr. John W. Kinard was born Feb. 15, 1858, at Wrightsville, York county, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. Of the eleven children, six sons and five daughters, who lived to grow to maturity, Dr. Kinard is the eldest, and he has one brother, George C., who is also a physician of Lancaster county, and his other brothers are school teachers. Like many country boys, Dr. Kinard attended the district school, but he had the advantage of an academic course, after which he followed the calling of a school teacher for six years. During his vacations, however, he attended the Millersville Normal School for five years, and then took up the study of medicine, for which he had always had a strong inclination, with Dr. Bigler, of East Prospect. For a year he studied with this excellent physician, then continued his studies with Dr. J. Hay, of York, until 1879, when he was prepared to enter the University of Maryland at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1882, with the degree of M. D.

Following his graduation, Dr. Kinard established himself at East Prospect, and for five years was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in that locality, building up a large and wealthy list of patients. But feeling that he needed further experience and instruction, Dr. Kinard sold his practice to Dr. J. A. Stoner and went to New York, entering Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated March 11, 1888, with degree of M. D. Prior to this he had taken a post-graduate course in Philadelphia in the Polyclinic College and College for Graduates in Medicine. In the spring of 1888 Dr. Kinard located at No. 17 East Walnut street, Lancaster, where he has since remained, and during the years which have followed he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of the city, while his success demonstrates his ability to cope with disease. In politics Dr. Kinard is an ardent Republican, and supports the principles of that party upon every occasion. During his residence at East Prospect he served as school director, and held every office within the gift of the people from an inspector to chief Burgess. His religious connections are with St. John's Lutheran Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Socially Dr. Kinard is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the F. & A. M., No. 276, Lamberton Lodge, Chapter No. 43, Knights Templar, and Harrisburg Consistory. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., East Prospect Lodge, No. 944; Jr. O. U. A. M.; A. & I. O. of Malta, No. 99; Eagles; member and ex-president and secretary of the Lancaster Pathological Society; president of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society; member of the State Medical Society and American Medical Association, and attended the last session of the American Medical Association at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., as a representative.





In September, 1883, Dr. Kinard was married to Miss Isabelle Weidman, of York City, Pa., and their children are: Kerwin W., attending the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1905; and Margaret C., at home. Mrs. Kinard, a most charming and accomplished lady, is a daughter of Jacob Weidman, a farmer of York county, and was born in York, where she was reared and educated. Dr. Kinard possesses more than ordinary ability, is successful in a marked degree, and, judging by the light of the past, his future is a bright and promising one.

JOHN KENDIG (deceased) was during a long life one of Lancaster county's excellent farmers and highly esteemed and substantial citizens. He was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Dec. 18, 1818, and his death took place on his farm March 4, 1890, his remains being interred in Long-necker's cemetery, in West Lampeter township.

John and Frances (Herr) Kendig, his parents, were natives of Lampeter and Manor townships, respectively. The former died in 1848, and the latter in 1856. They were members of the Methodist Church, but were interred in the New Mennonite cemetery at New Danville. Their children were as follows: Eliza, deceased, married John Hoover; Barbara is the widow of Martin Mylin and the mother of Hon. Amos H. Mylin, of West Lampeter township; Fanny died unmarried; John is the subject of this sketch; George is deceased; and Abraham is a farmer of New Carlisle, Ohio.

By birth and environment John Kendig was a farmer, his honored ancestors having successfully cultivated the soil for generations. He showed a natural aptitude for his vocation, and from the age of twenty-one years operated the farm upon which his quiet and upright existence was spent, until his retirement from activity in 1874. When Mr. Kendig resolved upon shifting the burdens to younger shoulders, he erected a separate home, which also was one of comfort and attractiveness. As a man of scrupulous honesty, highest integrity and financial responsibility, Mr. Kendig was prominent in Lancaster county. He was one of the directors of the Willowstreet Turnpike Co., and later president until his death.

On March 15, 1842, in Lancaster, John Kendig was united in marriage to Miss Mary Herr, born in West Lampeter township May 31, 1820, daughter of Martin and Mary (Herr) Herr, of West Lampeter township, the former of whom was born June 12, 1788, and was a farmer on the old Herr farm of that locality, and both of whom were members of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of the county. His death occurred when he was aged eighty years. Mrs. Herr died March 5, 1823, when only twenty-five years of age. Both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Frances, born March 28, 1818, died in infancy; Mary married John Kendig; and Martha, born August 23, 1822, is the widow of Gabriel

Wenger, of West Lampeter township. On the paternal side the family may be traced on back to Francis and Fanny (Barr) Herr, farming people of West Lampeter township, and still farther, to John Herr, of Lancaster county, father of Francis. Through intermarriages this family is connected with almost all of the leading families of the county.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kendig: M. Frances, who died unmarried, at the age of fifty-five years; Addah L. and Martin H., twins, the former of whom married Frank Bare, and died March 14, 1901, the latter of whom is a farmer of Clark county, Wash.; John E., who died in infancy; John B., who resides on the old homestead in Willowstreet, married to Susan R. Brackbill; Mary, who is the widow of Christian Herr, of Manor township; Dr. Elizabeth, now a resident of Lancaster; and Miss B. Alice, also a resident of Lancaster. The removal of Mrs. Kendig from the farm to Lancaster was accomplished in April, 1890, and she is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of this city, and a most devoted and worthy member of the New Mennonite Church.

Dr. Elizabeth Kendig is one of the highly educated and successful practitioners of Lancaster. Her tastes early led her to begin the study of medicine, and under the able instruction and direction of Mrs. Dr. Mary Wilson, of Lancaster, she was prepared for entrance to the Woman's College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which she graduated with honors in 1889. She then located for practice in Reading Pa., where she remained until 1898, going thence to Chicago, Ill. Several months in the Windy City gave her needed experience, and she returned and located permanently in Lancaster. Here she has taken a leading position. She belongs to the Berks County Medical Society.

Miss B. Alice Kendig is a lady of independent means, and she and her sister, Dr. Kendig, have long resided together. Both ladies belong to the German Reformed Church, and mingle with the best social circles of Lancaster.

JOHN F. CHARLES. This prominent and respected citizen of Millersville is the son of Christian Charles, a well known and successful farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county. He was born Jan. 5, 1843, and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his father upon the farm until his marriage, which was solemnized Nov. 21, 1865, his bride being Miss Anna Denlinger, who was born May 2, 1844, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Denlinger. After their marriage Mr. Charles and his wife took up their residence on a farm of ninety-seven acres, near Little Washington, in the Susquehanna valley. This he continued to cultivate for eighteen years, when he removed to the paternal farm, which he managed for fourteen years. In the spring of 1898 he gave up active work and took up his residence in Millersville, where he owns a hand-



some, well-appointed home and six acres of land. His life has been a remarkably successful one, and the success is due chiefly to those sterling qualities of mind and heart which have distinguished him from boyhood. His ideas on public questions are fully abreast of the times in which he lives, and his influence in the community is widely felt. He is a stockholder and director in the Mountville Bank, as well as in the Mountville Manufacturing Co., and is regarded as one of the county's foremost and substantial citizens.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles three children have been born, two of whom, Henry D. and John D., are yet living, to do honor to their parents' name and to benefit the community in which they reside. Henry was born May 31, 1874, and John on June 20, 1878. Both are graduates of the State Normal School at Millersville, the elder in the class of 1891, and the younger in 1899, and both have had experience as teachers. Henry D. is a farmer, working the home place, and married Hettie Charles. John D. is attending Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, from which he will graduate in the regular classical course leading to the degree A. B. in the summer of 1905. The entire family are Mennonites.

JOHN C. SEITZ, a retired farmer, ex-soldier and greatly respected citizen of Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, this county, March 9, 1835, son of Jacob Seitz, Sr., and a brother of Charles C. Seitz, whose sketch will be found elsewhere.

In Lancaster City, Aug. 15, 1850, John C. Seitz married Charlotte Herr, and to this union have been born six children, as follows: Jacob H., a farmer residing at Mountville, married Catherine Shuman; John H., a carpenter at the same place, married to Barbara Wriggle; Aaron H., a grocer at Mountville, married to Anna Copland; Susan H. is at home; Isaiah H., principal of the Pearl street school in Lancaster, married to Laura Myers; and Barbara H. is at home, but a school teacher by profession. Mrs. Charlotte (Herr) Seitz was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Lancaster county, Oct. 2, 1838, daughter of Rudolph, and sister of Aaron, Herr, mentioned elsewhere.

John C. Seitz lived on the home farm until twenty-three years of age, and then farmed on his own account in Manor township for thirty years, when he came to live in retirement in Mountville, doing only such work as suits his taste, occupies his mind and gives him necessary exercise.

On Aug. 24, 1864, John C. Seitz enlisted in Co. H, 203d Reserve Pennsylvania Volunteers, Birney's Sharpshooters, but his company later changed its commander, Capt. Charles Liman assuming charge. Mr. Seitz took part in many skirmishes, and in the bombardment and capture of Fort Fisher escaped being wounded or taken prisoner, and was honorably discharged in Raleigh, N. C., June 22, 1865, since when he has resided in quiet on his farm, or in re-

tirement in Mountville. Mr. Seitz is a Republican in politics, and his amiable wife is an active and faithful member of the Mennonite church.

HENRY WORST, the senior member of the mercantile firm of Worst & Shertz, of Springville, Salisbury township, was born in that village, March 20, 1835, son of Henry, Sr., and Mary (Kurtz) Worst.

The Worst family was established in Lancaster county about 1760, by three brothers of the name who came hither from Switzerland, one settling in Germantown, one settling in Cornwall, Lebanon county, and the third in Terre Hill, Lancaster county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Worst, of this sketch, were Peter and Barbara (Weaver) Worst, farming people of Lancaster county, who died on the old homestead in Springville.

Henry Worst, Sr., father, was born in the same house as was his son, and became a well known and respected farmer of Salisbury township. He was born in 1795, and died at the age of eighty-nine years. He married Mary Kurtz, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Showalder) Kurtz, of Lancaster. She died in 1843, aged forty-four years, and was buried beside her husband on a part of the old farm, in a private cemetery. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Barbara, deceased, married John Wanner; Peter, deceased, married Maria Good; Samuel married Nancy Kurtz, deceased, and is a farmer of Salisbury township; Elias, deceased, married Susannah Gaybill; Mary, deceased, married Joseph H. Bair; Miss Elizabeth resides on the old homestead; Susannah, who married Daniel Kurtz, resides in this township; Henry is the subject of this sketch; Leah died at the age of six years; and Catherine died at the age of eighteen years.

Henry Worst acquired a good, common school education and remained assisting his father on the farm until he was twenty years of age, at which time he embarked in a general mercantile business, opening up a stock of goods, in Springville, at his present location. In 1871 he admitted C. M. Shertz as a partner, and the business has been very prosperously conducted ever since. Both Mr. Worst and Mr. Shertz are men of business ability, and have made it their rule to buy and sell as suits the convenience of their large number of patrons. Their upright methods and careful selection of seasonable goods have attracted and retained a large trade.

In politics Mr. Worst is a Republican, and has held the office of postmaster since 1855. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is one of the representative citizens of Salisbury township.

In June, 1863, Mr. Worst was married in Providence township to Miss Susan Frailey, born in Earl township, Aug. 26, 1838, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Long) Fraileick, the former of whom was a blacksmith and died in Paradise township, in 1888, and the latter of whom died in 1886, aged sixty-one





years. They were respectively members of the Mennonite and the Dunkard Churches, and they were interred in Mellinger's cemetery, near Lancaster. Their children were: Joseph, deceased; Daniel, a railroad baggage master in Harrisburg, married Lillie Herr; Anna married Henry Brown, of Paradise township; Rebecca is the widow of Elias Herman, of Lancaster; Abby married John Wright, of Lancaster; Susan is Mrs. Worst. Her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Susan (Reno) Long.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Worst are as follows: Catherine, who is the widow of Clayton De Haven, resides at home and has four children; Clayton, who married Margaret Bowers and has one child, resides on the old homestead; Henry, who married Mazie Kurtz, has one child, and they live in Springville; and Miss Anna is at home.

PHILIP DIETRICH, the founder of the Dietrich family in Lancaster county, came hither from Alsace, Germany, and made his home in Manheim township, along the New Holland Pike road, buying land located within two miles of the city of Lancaster. This worthy German emigrant brought with him the provident habits of his native land, and at the time of his death left his heirs not only 600 acres of rich and improved land, valuable on account of its nearness to a flourishing city, but also a sum of \$75,000 in money. On account of some disagreement, litigation began over this estate, continuing until it was about consumed, making one of the most famous cases in the annals of Lancaster county. The family of the founder consisted of two sons, Henry and Michael, and several daughters. Two of his great-grand-daughters who now reside in this county are Mrs. I. P. Mayer, of Landisville, and Mrs. B. W. Hershey, of the same place.

Henry Dietrich was a well-known farmer, and he lived on the old homestead until the age of fifty-one years, marrying a member of the Diller family, later, after her death, marrying her sister, Sally Diller. The children of the first marriage were: Adam; Daniel; Samuel; Mrs. Gip; Mrs. Carpenter; and Mrs. Michael. The children of the second marriage were: Philip; Sallie, who became Mrs. Frissler; and Martha, who married Israel Groff. Both parents were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

Adam Dietrich, son of Henry and father of Samuel Dietrich of Bamford, was born and reared on the old homestead, and in the course of time became the successor of his father in the administration of the large estate of his grandfather, Philip Dietrich. In early life Adam Dietrich was a farmer, but later he engaged in the hotel business, successfully managing hostleries in different localities until advancing years made it necessary for him to retire from activity. His life extended to the unusual age of ninety-six years, four months and twenty-six days. Adam Dietrich married Miss Mary Swope, who was born in Leacock township, and she lived to the age of

seventy-six years. They had a family of ten children: John, who is now deceased, but for many years was a hotel keeper; Catherine, deceased, married Martin Bomberger; Daniel, deceased in infancy; Adam, a drover, now deceased; Mary, who resides in Lancaster, and is the widow of Martin Musser; Henry, deceased, who was, like his father and brother, a hotel keeper; Samuel, of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Rudisill; Sarah, the widow of Abraham Brown, and living with Mrs. E. W. Hershey; and Graybill, deceased.

SAMUEL DIETRICH, son of Adam and great-grandson of Philip the emigrant, was born Sept. 10, 1821, and is a resident of Bamford. Until the age of seventeen years he lived on the farm, and then became engaged in assisting his father in his hotel enterprise, remaining with him until he married. He then removed to Landisville, this county, and there he remained for the succeeding fourteen years, later occupying several other locations in East Hempfield township. It was about 1883 that Mr. Dietrich purchased the small property in Bamford, where he resided until the death of his wife, in 1897, broke up his home. Since that date Mr. Dietrich has made his home with his son. By occupation Mr. Dietrich is a fence-builder, and has constructed many miles of fencing in this and adjacent counties, and has also done the butchering, in the season, for his farmer neighbors, this being a very important branch of work on the farm. A man skilled in the art of preparing meats for winter consumption is always in demand through the rural districts.

In 1851 Mr. Dietrich was married to Miss Mary Steward, who was a daughter of Alexander Steward, who was born in East Hempfield township, and lived a most estimable life through sixty-six years, passing away in 1897. A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich: Elizabeth, who married I. P. Mayer; Emma, who married B. W. Hershey; Henry, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Franklin, who makes his home in the West; and Adam, who is a resident of Bamford. The Dietrich family have always been supporters of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Dietrich was a member of the German Baptist Church. Both she and her husband enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE K. HERR, a resident of Pequea township, was born in West Lampeter township, near the mouth of Mill Creek, May 27, 1847, son of Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Herr (both deceased), and grandson of Christian and Catherine (Kauffman) Herr.

Jacob Herr was born Nov. 17, 1817, near Millersville, in what is now Lancaster township, where he was reared and educated in the public schools. He was married Oct. 13, 1846, to Mary, a daughter of George and Mary (Swarr) Kreider, a native of Pequea township (which then bore the name of Conestoga), where she was born Nov. 4, 1822. After their marriage the young couple located at the mill





in West Lampeter township, where Mr. Herr was engaged in the milling business some twenty-four years, and was familiarly known as "Sawmiller Jacob Herr." His attention was largely given to the manufacture of lumber until 1870, when he purchased seventy-seven acres of land, near Hollinger, in West Lampeter township. His death occurred Dec. 4, 1871, and his widow survived until Feb. 28, 1898. They were members of the old Mennonite Church, and had the following children: George K.; Christian, a resident of West Lampeter township; Jacob K., who died July 17, 1902; Miss Mary; Henry K., who died in infancy; Catherine K., the wife of Samuel Gochner, of West Lampeter; Miss Elizabeth; Barbara, the wife of John Herr, of Lancaster township; and Benjamin K., of East Lampeter township.

George K. Herr was reared to the sawmill business and received his education in the common schools. When he was twenty-six, in 1873, he married and took charge of the mill that had been so long operated by his father. He put in a chopping mill, and carried it on for twenty-one years. In 1895 he purchased a farm of ninety-one acres at Baumgardner Station, in Pequea township, which has been his home to the present time. Here he has made valuable improvements and brought the farm up to a high condition of cultivation. For three years Mr. Herr was a member of the school board in West Lampeter township.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Herr was married to Elizabeth Harnish, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Buckwalter) Harnish, who was born in Conestoga township, June 10, 1853. They have been blessed with the following children: Jacob, who married Miss Barbara Huber, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Reinhart) Huber, operates the Martie mills in Pequea township; and Mary, Aaron, Annie, Lizzie and Barbara, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

ELIAS H. HERR, now living retired, was long one of the energetic and successful farmers of East Lampeter township, where his family has for many years been one of the most respected. He is a son of Solomon Herr, and a grandson of Abraham Herr.

Abraham Herr was born in Lancaster county and lived near Lancaster City all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and distiller. He was one of the Old Mennonites in Lancaster county. His family consisted of five children, as follows: Solomon, the father of our subject; Peter, Abram and Christian, all deceased; and Annie, wife of Henry Herr.

Solomon Herr was born in East Lampeter township, Jan. 6, 1806. He lived at home with his parents until he was of age, receiving a common school education, and he then began farming for himself on the place a part of which our subject now owns. He, too, was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Catherine Herr, daughter of John and Barbara Herr, of Manor township, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom

died in infancy; Emanuel H.; Abraham and Elias H., our subject, twins, of East Lampeter township; and Adam H., of Lancaster City.

Elias H. Herr, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in East Lampeter township, Aug. 12, 1842. He lived at home with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, received a common school education, and he then began life for himself. After living one year on the farm of his father-in-law, he took charge of that place, where he remained thirty-one years. He has since lived retired. Mr. Herr has ably sustained the reputation which all the members of his family have enjoyed for industry, honesty and upright living, and he ranks, decidedly, among the most valuable citizens of his section of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 5, 1863, Elias H. Herr was married to Mary L. Rohrer, daughter of John Rohrer, of East Lampeter township, and to this union have been born two children: Aaron R., who died when six years of age; and Elam R., who still lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

CHRISTIAN H. COBLE (deceased). Few men in Mt. Joy township were better known or more thoroughly respected through a long and successful life than was Christian H. Coble. He was born Feb. 22, 1836, in Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pa., just over the line of Lancaster county, Pa., and he died in February, 1896, in the village of Bellaire, which at one time was a portion of his farm. His burial took place in Risser's Meeting House cemetery, in Mt. Joy township.

Christian H. Coble was the second son of Christian and Eliza (Heffer) Coble, farming people of Dauphin county, where Christian died in 1880, and his years had reached seventy-five. His second wife, Nancy Snyder, died in 1897, aged eighty years. No children were born to the second marriage, but those born to the first union were as follows: Barbara, deceased, who married Isaac Meckley; Isaac, who is a farmer in Dauphin county; and Christian H., John, Jacob and Samuel, all deceased. The parents were buried on a portion of their old farm, set aside for that purpose.

Christian H. Coble was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the district schools. He became an excellent farmer and continued to follow agriculture until the wheel of progress, in the shape of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, was turned across his land. After satisfactory arrangements were made with this road in 1880, Mr. Coble embarked in the grain, coal and lumber business, opening up a first-class general store, and he conducted this with success and ability until his death. His very capable wife still carries on the business, which is one of the prosperous ones in the village of Bellaire. Mr. Coble had the honor of being appointed the first postmaster of Bellaire, which position he most efficiently filled until his death, when its duties



were assumed by his son and wife. Mr. Coble was prominently identified with Republican politics, and faithfully served the county as one of its commissioners for a period of six years. He was a conveyancer and surveyor, was also justice of the peace, in fact, was one of those estimable, level-headed men who naturally become almost a necessity to a growing community. In every relation of life Christian H. Coble bore an honest, manly part, and won the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

In 1854 Mr. Coble was married, in Harrisburg, to Anna A. Eby, and a most estimable family was born to this union, as follows: Allen A., a farmer of Mt. Joy township, married Emma Keiper; Edwin E., who married Mary Meckley, is a jeweler in Elizabethtown and is president of the Electric Light Co.; Clara C. married Harry Bachman, the proprietor of a hotel in Campbellstown; Christian L., deceased, married Alice Ressler, of Bellaire; Samuel L. and Grant died young; Robert A., a grain and coal dealer, married Jennie Breneman, and lives at home; and Emlin W. died at the age of eleven years.

Mrs. Anna A. (Eby) Coble, who so efficiently manages the business left in her hands by her husband, was born March 17, 1836, in Derry township, Dauphin county, daughter of Peter and Mary (Wisler) Eby, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties. The former was a farmer in Dauphin county, where he died in 1840, aged forty-two years. The latter made her home subsequently with Mrs. Coble, where she died in 1891, aged ninety years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Samuel O., who is in the hotel business at Bismarck, Pa.; George W., who died in 1902; Henry B., a merchant in Bachmanville, Pa.; Anna A., the widow of Mr. Coble; Mary, deceased, wife of John Detwilder; and Peter, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Coble were Michael and Elizabeth (Oberholtzer) Eby, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were George and Anna (Breneman) Wisler, also of Lancaster. Mrs. Coble is a valued member of the Mennonite Church, and a lady who enjoys the friendship and respect of a very large circle of friends.

**JOHN H. DIEM.** The agricultural supremacy of some portions of Lancaster county can easily be explained when one considers the various classes of farmers who manage these interests. Good farmers are no more accidents of chance than are capable workers in any other line. To be a successful farmer every branch must be understood, from a knowledge of the properties of the soil, and its adaptation to the vegetable and cereal growths, to the economical breeding and feeding of stock.

Among those who have thus succeeded in Sadsbury township is John H. Diem, who is now retired from active labor, enjoying the ease won by earlier effort. He was born in Earl township, this county, March 21, 1842, son of Kennedy and Hettie (Brower) Diem, the former of whom belonged to

Salisbury and the latter to Earl township, by virtue of birth. Kennedy Diem was a miller by trade and died in Salisbury township, Jan. 27, 1861, at the age of seventy-eight years, the mother of John H. passing away Aug. 21, 1862, when but forty-five. Both these worthy people were consistent members of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, and they were buried in its shadow. For a number of years Kennedy Diem was the efficient supervisor of his township, and a prominent man in public affairs. The children born to Kennedy Diem and wife were: Mary, who died in 1866, first married George Sweigart, and second, Davis Weller; Catherine, who married Mansell Reed, of Salisbury township; Emma, who married David High, and lives in Philadelphia; John H.; Lavina, who married Joshua Reop, of Colerain township; Ellen, deceased; Kennedy, who is a machinist of Arglen, Pa.; Sarah, who married William Axe, of Salisbury township; Margaret, who married Harry Parker, of Parkesburg; Christiana, who lives, unmarried, in Philadelphia; Susan, who married Frank Hall, an attorney in Lancaster; Benjamin, who is a farmer in Kentucky; and Harvey, who lives in California. John Diem, father of Kennedy Diem, was a shoemaker in Salisbury township at the time of his death, although he had been born in Germany. His wife's maiden name was Kennedy.

Belonging to a large family, John H. Diem finished his public school education in order to become an earning factor in the family, at the tender age of eleven years leaving home to assist neighboring farmers. Until he was eighteen this was his custom, his ready and willing service always making him welcome. Then Mr. Diem learned the wheelwright trade in Salisbury township, and was engaged in this when came the stirring events of 1861. His services were with the transportation department, and as a driver and wheelwright he was in the service of the Government until the close of the war, often being placed in the most dangerous situations, but he returned to Salisbury township in safety.

For one year Mr. Diem engaged here in his trade, and then added to it a coach manufacturing business, continuing in this line for a period of thirteen years. In 1881 he moved upon his present farm, which consists of forty acres of well-improved land, and here he remained, also interested in his other enterprises, until 1891, when he retired. Formerly Mr. Diem was connected with a number of fraternal organizations, but resigned from them all, and for many years has been an Independent in politics, voting as his judgment directs, trying to select the best man for the position, irrespective of party ties.

In December, 1868, in Lancaster, John H. Diem was married to Miss Catherine Trego, and the family born to this union is one of the most highly esteemed in this township. They are as follows: Harlin, who operates the home farm; Dorothy, who married Christian Erb, a farmer of this township; Amanda, who married Harry Mullen, a heavy keeper, of Christiana; Frederick, who resides in Lan-





caster; Rebecca, who is attending college in Philadelphia; Evanna, who is attending the Millersville Normal School; Brinton, a barber by trade, living at home; Scott, deceased; and Flora, deceased. All of these children have been afforded excellent educational advantages.

Mrs. Catherine (Trego) Diem was born in Salisbury township Jan. 25, 1843, daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Ely) Trego, the former of whom was a native of Chester county, and the latter of Lancaster county and Salisbury township. In his younger years Mr. Trego was a mason by trade, but later he purchased a farm and operated it until within two years of his death, when he retired from active work. The father of Mrs. Diem died April 15, 1880, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother at the age of eighty-three years, having survived until 1888. Both parents had been most worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and they were laid to rest in the cemetery at Pequea, regretted by all who knew them as kind neighbors and reliable friends. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Trego were: Mary A., who married John Ream, a farmer of Salisbury township; George M., who is a retired farmer of Gap; Christiana, who died young; Catherine, the wife of John H. Diem; and John L., who is a farmer of Salisbury township. The grandparents of Mrs. Diem were Peter and Mary C. (Jenkins) Trego, farming people of Chester county, and George and Catherine (Pearl) Ely, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Diem is one of the substantial and respected citizens of this township, who built up a large business by the exercise of sound methods, and in connection proved himself a most excellent farmer and a representative citizen.

PARKE EDMUND SHEE, secretary of the International Cream Separator Co., whose works are located at the corner of Grant and Christian streets, is a Lancasterian by adoption, having lived here for the past three years, and has had business relations with our people for twenty years. One year ago, he became the organizer of the Cream Separator Co., of which he is secretary. The other officers are: Byron L. Dodge, of cork works and safety buggy interests, president; ex-sheriff John H. Myers, vice-president; and Charles H. Locher, president of the City Trust Company, treasurer. The cream separator which this company manufactures saves twenty-five per cent. over the old crock process. It is not strange, therefore, that the output of the company should find vast sales, not only all over the United States, but even in South Africa, Portugal, Spain, Venezuela, England and other foreign countries.

Mr. Shee has an exceedingly interesting history, and no man in the State—perhaps no man in the country—is descended from a more historical line of ancestry. These ancestors came from Westmeath, Ireland, and were the owners of Ardanogroh Castle. They left Ireland on account of the tea riots, and settled in Germantown, where their lands were

confiscated by the British. Mr. Shee's great-great-uncle is mentioned in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* as President of the Royal Academy of Arts, in London, and his great-grandfather, Walter Shee, who was a successful wholesale tea merchant in Philadelphia, was a brother of Gen. John Shee, who was commander of the Ninth Continentals in the Revolutionary war, and who afterward succeeded Muhlenburg as Collector of the Port at Philadelphia, to which position he was appointed by President Madison. Walter and John Shee, tea merchants, were among the first to sign the Non-importation Act in 1773, and their names hang in Independence Hall. Mr. Shee's great-grandmother, on his father's side, Cecilia Parke, was a sister of Col. John Parke, of Revolutionary fame, who carried to Washington the news of the surrender of the British in New York harbor, and the renowned John Parke Custis was a cousin. Few, indeed, among us, can boast of Revolutionary ancestry like this. His grandfather, Parke Shee, was one of the oldest paper manufacturers in Delaware county (near Media), and he was one of the most prominent Whigs in the State. He died about thirty-five years ago, aged eighty-six years, and the paper business descended to his son, Edmund Brooks Shee, the father of Parke E. Shee, of Lancaster.

Edmund B. Shee, who entered into rest at the early age of forty-two years, married Emaline D. Wayne, daughter of Joseph Wayne, a wholesale lumber merchant of Philadelphia, and a granddaughter of a brother of "Mad Anthony" Wayne. Four children were born of this union, one of whom, Frank, died in early childhood. The survivors are: Edward, in the insurance business, in Philadelphia; Anna, widow of William Thompson, a lawyer of New York, and now making her home in Maryland, near Washington, D. C.; and Parke Edmund, of Lancaster.

Parke Edmund Shee was born in Philadelphia Aug. 8, 1855, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He began his business career as a clerk in a sugar refinery, afterward held the position of time keeper for the Wharton Railroad Switch Co., for two or three years. He then passed three years as assistant superintendent of the Riverside Oil Works, and six years with the Seaboard Oil Works. Two years more were spent with Thomas P. Conard, dealer in rails and equipment, boilers, engines and machinery, after which he engaged in the same business for himself, in Philadelphia, for three or four years. In 1898, Mr. Shee came to Lancaster, and is very comfortably located, with his family at No. 552 West James street, College Heights.

Mr. Shee has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Marguerite Bonsall, daughter of Job T. Bonsall, of Middletown, Delaware county. Five children were born of this union, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Parke B., a machinist in Philadelphia, married and has one child; Emma and Mary, both attending Maryland College at



Lutherville, Md.; and Warde attending school in this city. The mother of these children died at Chester, in 1897, and on April 2, 1899, Mr. Shee married Miss Sarah Roberts, daughter of the late Samuel Roberts, of Lancaster. Religiously Mr. Shee is of the Episcopal faith, although his ancestors, paternal and maternal were Hicksite Quakers. Politically he is a Republican, but he never held any office save that of census enumerator, in Delaware county in 1880. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E. He is a thoroughly wide-a-woke, progressive and liberal minded business man and citizen.

**JOHN D. STROH**, who is serving as justice of the peace in Manheim, has filled that position for twenty years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question.

Mr. Stroh was born in Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., May 22, 1847, son of John and Leah (Booser) Stroh, both of whom are deceased. Being left motherless in infancy, he was reared by his maternal grandmother and an aunt, Elizabeth Booser, and was educated in the common schools and the Annville Academy, attending the latter institution during the summer months. At the age of sixteen he began teaching in the public schools of Dauphin county, and taught eight years in the same township, working on the farm during vacations and in the evenings. He devoted all his spare moments to study, and by close and continuous application gained a large fund of practical knowledge.

In 1872 Mr. Stroh came to Manheim, Lancaster county, where he purchased property, and at once secured a position as teacher in the public schools. Each spring he also assisted in the Manheim National Bank for some four weeks. At first he had only a county certificate for teaching, but in 1880 he secured a State certificate, signed by J. P. Wickersham. He always took a great interest in his pupils, and through his devotion to them turned out some fine scholars. On first coming to Manheim he had charge of the secondary school; later served as assistant principal one term; and then had charge of the grammar school. In 1870 he taught the high school, but after his election to the office of justice of the peace he returned to the grammar school, with which he was connected until 1898, when, on account of his increasing duties in his private affairs, as well as his official work, he retired from school teaching, having been re-elected justice of the peace at each succeeding election. He is now serving his fourth term in that office, has been notary public many years, and has also been a member of the town council and auditor of his borough, as well as deputy coroner for Manheim and vicinity for eight years, having just been reappointed for another term. Mr. Stroh assisted in establishing the city water works, was also one of the promoters of the Manheim Heating &

Manufacturing Co., of which he was secretary and treasurer, and is engaged in the fire and life insurance business, while in a legal capacity he does a large business in executing deeds, etc.

In 1867 Mr. Stroh married Miss Susan Stern, a native of Lancaster county, and to them were born seven children, of whom two died in infancy. Those living are John Jacob Uriel, a graduate of the high school and Union College of Lancaster, and now chief bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Philadelphia; Mary Ann, wife of A. K. Huber, of Crete, Neb.; Elizabeth, wife of W. C. Enck, of Beatrice, Neb.; Susie Maud, a graduate of the Manheim high school, now at home; and Florence Bell, also at home.

Fraternally Mr. Stroh is an honored member of Manheim Lodge, No. 587, F. & A. M.; Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Lancaster; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Manheim Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F.; Ridgely Encampment, No. 217, of Lancaster; Canton No. 25; Kittinging Lodge, No. 25, A. O. U. W., of Lebanon; Washington Camp, No. 590, P. O. S. A.; Manheim Council, No. 154, O. U. A. M.; Steigel Castle, No. 166, K. G. E.; and the Manheim Volunteer Fire Company. At present he is serving as senior warden in the Masonic Lodge. He attends the Lutheran Church, has been a member of the choir for the past twenty years, and also takes an active part in Sunday-school work, teaching the Bible class. Since 1878 Mr. Stroh has taken quite an active and influential part in political affairs; is at present a member of the Republican committee of his ward; of the Republican county committee, in which he is serving on the executive board; and has been a hard and constant worker in the party ranks. He is a recognized power in his community, and has always been alert and active in advancing any enterprise for the public good of Manheim and Lancaster county in general. He has erected a nice modern home in Manheim, complete in all its appointments.

**MARTIN WITMER**, One of the representative citizens of whom all speak with respect and esteem, in Strasburg township, is Martin Witmer, a member of one of the oldest and most honorable families of Lancaster county.

Martin Witmer was born July 6, 1836, and was reared on the farm of his father, the well-known Jacob Witmer, of West Lampeter. With others of his age, Martin attended the district schools and acquired a very fair education, remaining with his father until the age of twenty-four, since which time he has been operating upon his own responsibility. Until 1892 he was the efficient manager of one of his father's farms, consisting of forty-nine acres, and when it came into his possession at that date, he added a small tract to it. Much interested in all agricultural pursuits, he has been a very successful farmer, and is so regarded by his neighbors, and has also shown himself a public-spirited and progressive citizen, interested in all the affairs for the good of the county.





The first marriage of Mr. Witmer was on Sept. 2, 1862, to Lizzie Huber, a daughter of Levi Huber, of Willowstreet, who died in 1871, at the age of thirty years, four months and seventeen days, leaving four children: Ida L., born May 27, 1863, married J. Frank Herr, of Paradise township, and they have four children, Ivan, Edna, Myrtle and Miriam; John H., born Oct. 3, 1864, a resident of Strasburg township, married Barbara Irvin, and they have six children, Clara, Irvin, Lizzie, Clayton, Cora and Irene; Catherine, born Dec. 22, 1865, was the wife of Isaac Hostetter, of Paradise township, and died May 2, 1893, aged twenty-seven years, four months, and ten days; and Martin, born March 11, 1868, a resident of Lancaster, married Naomi L. Finnisfrock, and has one son, Howard; the youngest of the family, Abraham, born Jan. 12, 1870, died on Sept. 7th, following. The second marriage of Mr. Witmer was on Nov. 13, 1873, when Mary Mowrer, a daughter of Adam and Mary Mowrer, became his wife. She was born near Strasburg Oct. 14, 1836. To this union were born five children: Adam, born June 29, 1874, resides in Strasburg, and married Lizzie Groff; Aaron, born Oct. 29, 1876, resides in Strasburg, married Florence McClunc, and they have two children, Nora and Sarah; Amos, born Oct. 27, 1879; Mary, Aug. 27, 1881; and Enos, born Oct. 6, 1883, all these younger children still remaining at home. The family is one which has long been connected with the Old Mennonite Church, and in it and in the community at large it enjoys the esteem of all. In 1892, Mr. Witmer took possession of his property at Strasburg, adjoining the borough on the north, this place containing twenty-eight acres, and on account of its close proximity to the town it is very valuable and desirable.

**MARTIN M. FIELES**, a retired hotel man of Christiana, Pa., who bears well the weight of many years, was born in Warwick township, Feb. 20, 1823, a son of Peter and Magdalena (Manderbach) Fieles, natives of Duesseldorf, Germany, and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Peter Fieles came to this country alone when only eleven years of age, and was sold for his passage, serving out its cost in Lancaster county, for a man named Batterman. He worked in the distilling business near Lititz, Pa., and for over forty years operated a distillery in Warwick township at the same stand. After a successful career he lived retired, and died near Berlin, Lancaster county, in 1850. He took an active part in county politics, and on several occasions served as a delegate to the Democratic conventions, though he would not accept office. His wife died in 1853, at the age of fifty-six. They were members of the Moravian Church, and had the following family: Elizabeth, deceased, married Samuel Bricker; Catherine married Isaac Kline, and is now deceased; William is also deceased; Maria married John Shirk and Abram Bair, and has entered into rest; Henry is deceased;

Matilda, deceased, married Nathan Sole; Lucy Ann, deceased, married Jeremiah Rhodes; Reuben and Henrietta are both deceased; Martin M.; Thomas L. is a retired butcher at Amboy, Ill.; William (2) was a resident of Haysville, Pa., but has passed away.

Martin M. Fieles was married in February, 1848, to Ellen R. Rogers, who was born in Leacock township, Dec. 26, 1830, a daughter of William and Margaret Rogers. This union was blessed with the following children: Martin L., deceased; Mordecai M., a hotel man in Christiana; Margaret C., and Kansas M., who both died young; William R., a hotel man in Christiana, who married Cecilia Peters, by whom he has two children, Myrtle and William; Mary E., who married Giles Rush, and lives in Washington (They have lost one child); Maggie, who died at the age of twelve years and two months; Carrie B. and Harry P., twins, who both died young; and two sons and two daughters that died in early infancy.

Martin M. Fieles remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-eight years of age, for three years being in partnership with his father in the distilling business in Warwick township. In 1851 the distillery was sold, and Mr. Fieles then engaged in the hotel business in Williamstown, Lancaster county, being located there for some three years. At the end of that period he spent several years on a small farm in Leacock township. For seven years he was in the hotel business at Georgetown. This hotel was destroyed by fire, and for about twelve months he was out of business. For the ensuing seven years he was in a hotel at Paoli, Chester county, after which he lived retired at Lititz some seven years, and then removed to Baltimore, to take charge of a hotel, which he conducted for ten years. In the spring of 1887 he came back to Christiana, and bought a hotel for his two sons, which they have continued to carry on to the present time.

Mr. Fieles takes a Democratic view of the politics of the country. He recalls with satisfaction the fact that in all his busy life he was never before a court, that his fees and dues as a hotel man were promptly paid, that he maintained the most friendly relations with his servants, and that he never sold a drink on Sunday. The hotel at Christiana is a four-story brick structure, containing twenty-five rooms, and is furnished with baths and electric lights.

William Fieles runs a livery and feed stable in connection with the hotel, and also handles trained hunting dogs. In Baltimore he was an extensive shipper of pigeons.

**PLANK REESER**. Agriculture has found in the person of this gentleman an able exponent of its theories as scientifically understood, and as a demonstrator of its actual value through practical labor, although he is now living in retirement in his na-





tive township of Salisbury, Lancaster county. He was born April 4, 1838.

John and Elizabeth (Mast) Reeser, his parents, were born, respectively, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and in Berks county, Pa., and in Salisbury township the mother, who was born in 1804, was called to rest in 1869, and the father, who was born in 1800, died in 1887. Both were members of the Mennonite church, and their remains were interred in the Old Road Mennonite cemetery. Their children were eleven in number, born and circumstanced as follows: Jacob, a retired railroad man and living in Philadelphia; Christian, who lost his life at a barn-raising; Barbara, living in Berks county, the widow of Christon Mast; John, deceased; Nicholas, a retired farmer in Chester county; Susanna, wife of David Wanner, also a resident of Chester county; Plank, in whose interest this biography is prepared; Martha, deceased, but who was twice married, first to Amos Kurtz, and secondly to Milton Coffroad; Joseph, a retired merchant in Lancaster City; and Samuel and Amos, retired farmers of Salisbury township. The paternal grandparents of Plank Reeser were Jacob and Barbara (Plank) Reeser, of Lancaster county.

Plank Reeser aided in the cultivation of the homestead until his marriage, Dec. 8, 1865, in Salisbury township, to Miss Mary Ann Wanner, who has borne him six children, viz.: Samuel J., a farmer; Mrs. Amanda Eby, who is the mother of one child; John A., still at home; Elias P., a farmer, and married to Sarah A. Reeser; Harry W., also a farmer and married to Lena Metzler; Martin H.; and Anna E. The three last named still reside under the parental roof, and the others reside elsewhere in the township. Mrs. Mary Ann (Wanner) Reeser was born in Salisbury township April 13, 1845, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Kurtz) Wanner, the former of whom followed agriculture from boyhood until within twelve years of his death, which occurred in May, 1808, at the well advanced age of eighty-one years; his wife died in 1869, when she was but forty-eight years old. The remains of both, however, now rest side by side, in the Old Road Mennonite cemetery, they having been life-long members of the Mennonite Congregation. They had born to their union five children, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Plank Reeser; Elias, a farmer in Salisbury township; Margaret, wife of Moses Hershey, a farmer in Leacock township; Lydia, deceased wife of Frank Kurtz; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Reeser were David and Susannah (Garber) Wanner, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Whitzel) Kurtz, both families being of German extraction and of old Pennsylvania parentage, whose pursuit through life was entirely of an agricultural nature.

At his marriage, Plank Reeser and wife located on a farm adjoining the Reeser homestead, on which they resided and then settled on an adjoining farm

of 114 acres, which has since been their home. To this they have since added another adjoining farm of 114 acres, and own besides a farm of 119 acres, and one of 107 acres, both in Salisbury township. Mr. Reeser has been one of the best agriculturists that Salisbury township has ever had within its limits, and he has won for himself the competency that he now so deservedly enjoys.

In politics Mr. Reeser has been a life-long Republican, has been very popular with his party, and has served seven years as township auditor. He has been very liberal in his contributions in aid of the public improvements of the township, and in the maintenance of the Mennonite church, of which he and wife are devout members, and the teachings of which they unswervingly follow.

**WILLIAM HAMILTON.** The pursuit of agriculture, although at times vexatious and disappointing, is as a rule not unpleasing, and if understandingly and persistently followed is sure to reward the pursuer with returns adequate to the time and labor expended, as the retired gentleman whose name heads this brief biography can testify, he having been born and reared to the vocation of farming. His birth took place in Leacock township, Oct. 23, 1818, but his home is now in Salisbury township. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton, natives of Bart and Paradise townships, and, respectively, of Scotch-Irish and German extraction.

William Hamilton, the father, was a carpenter by trade and died in 1828, at the age of forty years, his remains being buried in the old Presbyterian churchyard in Leacock; the second marriage of Mrs. Hamilton was to Eli Jackson. To William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton were born seven children, named as follows: James, now deceased; Margaret, who died young; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years; William, whose name opens this article; Joseph, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Marron, and residing in Philadelphia, and Sarah, widow of Michael Murr, and now living in New Holland, this county. To Eli and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Jackson were born two children: Sabilla, deceased wife of James Miller; and Mardula, widow of Benjamin Weaver of Lancaster. The mother of these children was called away in 1879, at the well-advanced age of eighty-six years, and her remains now lie at rest in the Episcopal cemetery in Leacock township.

William Hamilton, whose name heads this sketch, aided his mother on the home property until he was twenty-two years old, and then worked out among the neighboring farmers until he was twenty-nine. On March 4, 1847, in New Holland, he married Sarah Miller, and began farming on his own account in Salisbury township. This marriage was crowned with the birth of five children, namely: Maria, who is married to Jacob Rife, a farmer in Salisbury township, and has four children; Elizabeth, wife of James High, also a farmer in Salisbury township,



has five children; Veronica, twin of Elizabeth, died in infancy; Susannah, also died in infancy; Lydia, who is married to Winfield Ramsay, farmer in East Lampeter township, has three children.

Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Hamilton was born in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, Feb. 22, 1822, and died in 1866, when she was about forty-four years old, her remains being interred in Christ Church cemetery in Leacock. Her parents were George and Mary (Runk) Miller of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a carpenter and died in 1857, when eighty years old; his wife died in 1855, at the age of seventy-nine years, and their remains were interred in West Leacock Dunkard cemetery, they having been members, respectively, of the Christian Lutheran and German Reformed churches. They were the parents of the following named children: Emma A., deceased wife of William Anderson; Henry, deceased; George, deceased; Maria, deceased wife of Michael Wise, and Sarah, the deceased wife of William Hamilton, of this biographical memoir.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. Hamilton has made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rife, although he has ample means to pay his way anywhere; here he is at home, with loving hands to attend to his every want. Mr. Hamilton and his family are members of the Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat. Remarkably active and well-preserved for his years, very generous in all things and charitable in the broadest sense of the word, he is looked upon as one of the best natured men in the county. He has many friends, and there is not an individual in the township that does not respect and honor him.

**HERMAN W. GRAYBILL.** The founder of the Graybill family in Lancaster county was Daniel Graybill, who came from Switzerland to America, and made his home in the new land, upon a fine farming tract in the locality of what now is Pennville—the original purchase of 100 acres, made more than a century ago, still being in possession of the same family. Two farms have been made of this productive land, upon which succeeding owners have been honest and energetic tillers of the rich soil ever since. The early members of the family were among the founders of the German Baptist Church in this locality.

Daniel Graybill had three sons: David, who removed to Ohio, and was the founder of a family there, which has many descendants; Samuel, who settled down near his birth place and engaged in farming, rearing a worthy family; and the second son, Daniel, was the grandfather of the Graybill family of this vicinity.

In 1813 Daniel Graybill, son of the founder, came into possession of the old homestead, and thereon erected a residence which still is fit for occupancy, and remained on the place until his eldest son was ready to marry and form a home for himself, when

he purchased some 200 acres of the old Hershey estate at Petersburg, removed to it, and gave up the homestead to his son. There he died, at the age of seventy-two, having been during his entire life a farmer. His wife was Mary Hollinger, and to them were born: Joseph, Daniel and Isaac, deceased; Jacob, who died at the age of seventy-seven years; and Benjamin, Martha, Elizabeth and Barbara, all deceased.

Daniel Graybill, the third of the name, was born in 1812, and died in 1860. He always followed a pastoral life. Politically he belonged to the Republican party, but ever set an example of the value of a quiet life, devoted to his family and his religious duties, and reared a family which possesses the respect of the community in which it holds a prominent place. He married Elizabeth Witmer, the daughter of Herman Witmer, who died in 1886, and Daniel Graybill died at the age of seventy-six. Their children were: Martha, the wife of Daniel Kreider, resides on the old Graybill homestead, near Petersburg; Herman W. is our subject; Amos W. died while on his way to California, from his home, in Kansas, where he had located, at Morrill, and was a well-known carpenter, farmer and undertaker; Benjamin W. is a farmer and stock raiser of Oregon; and David W. is a tobacco dealer of Petersburg.

Herman W. Graybill was born Sept. 15, 1822, and was reared as a farmer boy, early learning the duties and pleasures of agricultural life. He received his education in the most excellent schools of his district, his farther educational career being interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. H, 47th State Militia, and faithfully served for three months. Mr. Graybill had advantages superior to the ordinary farmer boy, as he was able to spend two years in travel, visiting in this our seventeen States, and gaining much experience and seeing life under many phases. Upon his return to Petersburg, he engaged in the coal and lumber business, also doing some farming, but public affairs have claimed a great portion of his time ever since he reached his maturity. Of a progressive and energetic nature, he has been identified with almost all the matters of public interest and improvement, and has been particularly prominent in all educational movements. For twenty-four years he has served on the school board, for sixteen years being its efficient secretary, during which time many needed reforms have been made in the conduct of the schools, and in the erection and management of buildings, the demands of increasing population making the labors no light task. Mr. Graybill has filled almost every local office in the gift of his party, and was a delegate to the Republican County Convention, as early as his twenty-first year, has been judge of elections, and is now serving his fourth term as director of the poor, the confidence of the whole county being placed in him. Many estates are satisfactorily settled by his good judgment and knowledge of law; for the past twenty-five years probably four or five





have been in his hands at one time. No man stands higher in the community, and no one is better fitted worthily to represent it.

Mr. Graybill has been married three times. His first marriage was to Martha Landis, a daughter of Henry Landis, of Petersburg, but her death, with that of her infant, occurred in 1868. Mr. Graybill was married second in 1866, to Mrs. Kate Minnich, a daughter of Jacob Swarr, but her death occurred about one year later, and on Oct. 21, 1873, he married Fannie A. Bassler, the estimable daughter of John Bassler. To this union were born four children: Nora, who is the wife of John M. Groff, an attorney of Lancaster City; John B., who lives at home, a brilliant young man, who, after graduating with honors from the Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1900, was immediately appointed a justice of the peace for Petersburg; and Daniel and Kathryn, at home. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church, where it is much esteemed. Mr. Graybill is a man who deserves the high favor in which he is held by his fellow-citizens, and in the many trusts that have been placed in his hands, he has acquitted himself with credit and to the satisfaction of all.

JOHN G. ZOOK, publisher of *The Express*, Lititz, was born in Manheim township, on the farm now occupied by James Purvis, on the Conestoga, a mile north of Binkley, May 30, 1853. He obtained his education in the common schools, with an elementary course at the Millersville Normal school from which he graduated in 1875. While attending Normal school in summer, he taught school in winter, teaching six terms in all. In 1877 his father, John Zook, moved to Lititz, where, in connection with E. Z. Ernst, the subject of this sketch started the printing and publishing business, the first publication being *The Sunbeam*, a literary and educational monthly. In 1879 Mr. Ernst withdrew from the firm and went West. In September, 1881, in connection with C. N. Derr, Mr. Zook changed *The Sunbeam* to the Lititz *Express*, and it has been published now for twenty-one years. Mr. Derr withdrew in February, 1895. *The Express* has been politically mainly independent. The publisher was a Republican until 1886, when he espoused the Prohibition cause, and voted the ticket as a matter of conviction of the righteousness of the cause. In the same manner he examined the Socialist program, and is now a conscientious advocate of the public ownership of the means of production and distribution as the best way to secure social and economic justice. He has held no public office except that of school director in 1887-89, and from which he retired because he was a candidate on the Prohibition ticket. He said he would rather be right than school director. He is a member of the Moravian Church, the congregation's treasurer and assistant superintendent of the Sunday School.

In 1879 Mr. Zook was married to Alice Carey,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, of Marietta. Their children were: Harry W., with the Pennsylvania Steel Co., at Steelton; Ethel, assisting in the bookstore of her father at Lititz; Herbert, employed in *The Express* office; and Alice and Edna, at home. Mr. Zook's mother, who has attained the advanced age of four score years, is now an honored member of his home at Lititz, but his father passed away in 1880, at the age of sixty-seven.

Our subject's grandfather, John Zook, lived in Chester county during the Revolution, and the fences on his farm were taken down before the battle of Brandywine. As far as Mr. Zook can gather from tradition the great-grandfather, Christian, was one of three brothers Zug (changed to Zook) who emigrated from Zug, Switzerland, early in the 18th century, and from whom all the Zooks descended. The name is now spelled four ways, Zug, Zuck, Zuch and Zook.

BENJAMIN M. BARR. Among the old and well-known families of East Lampeter township, that of Barr takes a prominent place, having been founded in Lancaster county many years ago by German pioneers. The name of Benjamin has been a favorite one in this family, and there are many who still recall the father of Benjamin M., also Benjamin, who was a son of Benjamin, the grandfather. The latter had his residence near Willowstreet, where he was known as a distiller and prosperous farmer; he married Catherine Mayers, a member of another old family, and to them were born: Samuel, who married Maria Stauffer; Harry, who died at the age of twenty-one; Benjamin; Elizabeth, who married John Heruley; Mary, who married Jacob Kreider; and David and Katie, both of whom died in childhood. The burial of the grandparents was in the cemetery at the Old Brick Church, near Willowstreet.

Benjamin Barr, son of Benjamin, was born near Willowstreet, May 10, 1796, and died Jan. 29, 1860. His life was passed in agricultural labor, in which he was very successful, as he accumulated land and means, and was one of the highly esteemed residents of the township. He married Mary Mayley, and the children of this union were: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Isaac Hostetter; Catherine, who is the widow of Isaac Weaver; Martha, born in June, 1826, now the widow of John Landis; Martin, who married Elizabeth Parent, and resides in Darke county, Ohio; Mary, who married Jacob Denlinger; Benjamin M., of this biography; Fanny, who married Henry Groff, both of whom are dead; and Susanna, who resides at Fertility, on the Strasburg pike road, a lady who is known far and wide, in the neighborhood, as a pious, Christian woman, full of good deeds and kind acts, and one of the most devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The parents of this family of children were reverently interred in the cemetery at the Longenecker Meeting House.



Benjamin M. Barr was born in Manor township Dec. 9, 1831, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Mayley) Barr, and was reared on the farm. Until he was twenty years of age, he attended the schools of the district, although his tendencies were not of a literary bent, being more inclined to learn something of the world by observation, than from books. At the age of twenty-four he accompanied his father on a trip to Darke county, Ohio, and he had some idea of remaining in that State, with his brother Martin, but at the termination of six months, he became homesick and returned to Lancaster county. Before settling down permanently on the old farm, he made another short trip to Ohio, and then went on a prospecting trip, at the instance of his brother-in-law, John Landis, into West Virginia, but likewise returned from the South, well contented with Lancaster county as a home.

On Oct. 9, 1860, Benjamin M. Barr was married to Lydia, the estimable daughter of Thomas and Leah (Urban) McMullan, of Pequea township, and they began housekeeping upon a small farm of nineteen acres, on the Wilmington pike road, this now being included in the farm of Samuel Burkhardt. On that farm Mr. Barr and his family resided until in 1873, when he purchased the present farm, consisting of thirty-eight acres. In 1878 he bought a fine farm adjoining, but sold it seven years later.

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barr were born these children: (1) Ellis G., the capable manager of the home farm, has been twice married, the children of the first marriage being: Ada E., Lydia May, Benjamin E., and Martin B. (who died in early childhood); his second wife, Ida Andrew, has borne him one son, Martin McKinley, born January 1, 1898. (2) Benjamin Franklin, familiarly known by his second name, Frank, is one of the well-known and active young business men of Lancaster, where he is engaged as a florist.

Although Mr. Barr has never connected himself with any religious denomination, he stands very high in the community, and is regarded by his neighbors as an upright man, and a useful, charitable and honorable citizen.

**SAMUEL N. ROOT.** Among the well-known citizens and highly respected residents of East Hempfield township, who now makes his home in Landisville, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he is engaged in the tobacco business, is Samuel N. Root, whose birth took place in East Donegal township. While but a babe he was taken by his parents to East Hempfield township, and there reared, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools. Later he took a business course at the well-known Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and then engaged in farming.

Prior to his attendance at College, Mr. Root had been for a year engaged in the implement and feed business in East Petersburg, but after his return he settled on a farm about one mile north of Petersburg,

and there continued agricultural labors until 1900, when he moved into the town of Landisville, erecting there a three-story building for a warehouse, with dimensions of 162x40 feet, managing the tobacco business in connection with farming. He is a man of business ability and owns several fine farms, one of forty-two acres in East Hempfield township, and another in Drumore township, consisting of eighty-five acres, both of them well cultivated and finely improved.

Politically the neighbors of Samuel Root know just where he is, for he is a staunch Republican, and as becomes a good citizen, never fails to cast his ballot. On Aug. 2, 1887, Mr. Root was married to Amanda Swarr, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Nortwich) Swarr, who was born in East Hempfield township on the old family homestead situated along the Harrisburg Pike road. Both Mr. Root and wife are prominent members of the German Baptist Church, where they are highly valued for their Christian character.

**ABRAHAM HARNISH.** Agriculture is the noblest, as well as the most essential, of all the employments to which the hand of man can be turned, and when to this industry its follower adds the art of building, which in its higher branches may be termed a fine art, he is indeed fortunate. Abraham Harnish, whose brief biography is herewith presented, can justly lay claim to title of expert in both callings, being a stone mason, brick-layer and farmer, with his residence in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa. He was born near Conestoga Centre, this county, March 10, 1837, son of Elias and Fanny (Urban) Harnish, of Swiss descent.

Elias Harnish was a distiller in his younger days, but later became a farmer, and was very successful. He died in February, 1877, when sixty-nine years old. Mrs. Fanny (Urban) Harnish was called away in August, 1853, at the early age of thirty-nine years. The remains of these parents were buried in West Lampeter township, they having been members of the New Mennonite church. Their nine children were born in the following order: Sabanah, who married Levi Eby of Lampeter township, and died in 1898; Lydia, who died single in 1900; George, a farmer in West Lampeter township; Abraham, whose name stands at the opening of this biographical notice; Anna, wife of Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg, Lancaster county; Catherine, deceased wife of Abraham Herr; Frances, unmarried and living in Strasburg; Elias, deceased; and Amanda, deceased wife of John C. Kaylor, a school teacher in Strasburg.

Abraham Harnish was united in marriage May 9, 1860, in Lancaster with Miss Frances Dieffenbaugh, who has borne him eight children, in the following order: Enos, who is a plumber at Stevens Point, Wis.; Avzula, wife of Howard Keimer, a shoemaker in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Pa., and the mother of three children; Adelia, mar-





ried to Duffy Folk, a bricklayer in Strasburg; Alta, unmarried and at home; Chester L., a farmer in Leacock township; Morris, Lizzie and Harry F., all three at home.

Mrs. Frances (Dieffenbaugh) Harnish was born in Willowstreet, Lampeter township, Sept. 4, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Urban) Dieffenbaugh, the former of whom was a prominent farmer, but died in 1852, at the early age of thirty years; the latter survived until 1895, when she was called to rest at the age of sixty-four. Their remains were interred in Lancaster. They were the parents of the following children: Harry, a farmer in Oklahoma; Martha, wife of Adam Lefever, a machinist in Milwaukee; and Frances, Mrs. Harnish. The mother, however, was twice married, her second husband being James Kern, and to this union were born: James, a horse trader in Trenton, N. J.; Anna, deceased; Augustus, of New York; Charles, deceased; and Ada, unmarried and living in New York City. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Harnish were Henry and Anna (Bressler) Dieffenbaugh, of Tanbury, Pa. [Further particulars concerning this respected family will be found in the biography of Mrs. Jason K. Ealy, of Leacock township.]

Abraham Harnish remained with his parents until his marriage and then located at Intercourse, Leacock township, where he conducted a general store seven and a half years, and finally settled on his present farm in the spring of 1881, filling in several intervals by working at his trade. In politics he is a Democrat. He is strictly upright, and bears a name that is respected wherever known.

**HON. JEREMIAH ALBERT STOBER**, whose residence is in Schoeneck, Lancaster county, represents the 14th Senatorial District in the State Legislature.

Jacob Stober, his grandfather, was of German-born parentage. He is supposed to have been the first of the family to settle in Lancaster county. His home was in Clay township, and there he followed farming. His life was brief, as he was called away when he was but forty-two years of age. He was interred in the Brickerville Lutheran cemetery. His wife belonged to the Zartman family, prominent in Lancaster county for many years; after the death of her husband she made her home with her only son, Elias, until her death.

Elias Stober, the father of Senator Stober, was born on the old Stober place in 1816, and made it his home until 1842. In 1837 he was married to Sarah Zeigler, a daughter of Dr. Charles Frederick Wolfgang Zeigler, who had come from Stuttgart, Germany, when a young man. After his arrival in this country Dr. Zeigler was married to Mary Regar, and became the father of a family whose home was at Reamstown. For many years he practiced medicine at Reamstown, and died at Akron, in 1841. The first child of Elias and Sarah Stober was the subject of this sketch, who was born Jan. 20, 1842, on the

old homestead, the birthplace of both his father and grandfather.

About 1842 Elias Stober removed with his family to near Lincoln, then named New Ephrata, in Clay township, where he was engaged as a clerk in the general store of Levi S. Hacker, and became quite prominent in the community, being elected a school director soon after the establishment of the free school system. Another son and three daughters were here born to Mr. and Mrs. Stober, but not one of them survived the perils of childhood, and Senator Stober remained their only living child. It was in this community that Elias Stober acquired sufficient means to enter upon a business career for himself, and he accordingly established a general store in a building which is now occupied by the Lincoln National Bank. Some eight years later he bought the general store run by Allen W. Mentzer, and established himself at Schoeneck, where he continued in business until 1893. Mrs. Sarah Stober died Dec. 31, 1899. Both were devout members of the Brickerville Lutheran Church, where they had attended from early youth.

Jeremiah Albert Stober, whose name introduces this sketch, is well known in the political circles of the northern part of Lancaster county, as Senator "Al. Stober." He spent his early boyhood in the vicinity of Lincoln, Clay township, and attended the local schools. One of his early teachers, William Oberly, is still living in Ephrata, and another, the Rev. Isaac Keller, is the present pastor of the Baptist circuit, of which Springville is the center. When about fourteen years old Mr. Stober attended the famous "Ephrata Academy," then conducted in the Cloister buildings at Ephrata, as a private enterprise under Prof. Hill, and a little later under Prof. Yeager, the father of the present editor and proprietor of the *Ephrata Review*. Here Senator Stober completed his common school education. His next step was to take a clerkship in the general store of S. P. A. Weidman, under whose efficient eye he acquired a practical knowledge of business in many of its most familiar forms. At the end of two years he entered his father's store as a clerk. Shortly after this he married Harriet Musser, and moved to Schoeneck. Mrs. Stober was a daughter of William Musser, of Lincoln, and a sister of Edwin Musser, the present auditor of Lancaster county. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Stober was about twenty-four years of age. About a year after coming to Schoeneck, Mr. Stober was appointed postmaster, his commission bearing the name of President Grant. His first presidential vote was cast for the re-election of President Lincoln, and from that day to this he has always been a staunch Republican. After serving as postmaster for about a year, Mr. Stober resigned to take the position of justice of the peace of West Cocalico township. For twenty-eight years he has been justice, except when he represented his district in the House of Representatives. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Legislature from the Third





district of Lancaster county. He was re-elected and served four continuous sessions of the Lower House. At the expiration of this period he was again elected justice of the peace, and continued to serve in that capacity until his election to the State Senate in 1808, from the 14th Senatorial District.

Senator Stober is an efficient member of the Upper House, and keeps a vigilant eye on everything that might affect the interests of his constituents. He was active in securing the appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers, who were buried at Mt. Zion, near Ephrata, and he delivered the historical address to an immense audience at its unveiling. Senator Stober served his country during the late war, and was a volunteer in the 50th Regiment, Pa. Militia. He is now a member of Major Ricksacker Post, No. 152, G. A. R., at Lincoln, and was a delegate from this post to the last State Encampment.

Senator Stober is prominent in fraternal circles, being a master Mason, and a member of Ashara Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M., at Marietta; a past grand of Lodge No. 408, I. O. O. F., at Reamstown, a member of Lodge No. 253, K. of P., at Lititz, in which order he was deputy grand chancellor, of Lancaster county; a member of Camp No. 13, P. O. S. A., at Denver, in which order he has served two terms as District president for Lancaster county.

From a poor boy Senator Stober has risen to a condition of independence, and has accumulated a fair competence. In business life he is as prominent as he is in politics. In Schoenock he has a modest but attractive home, and is in business as a dealer in leaf tobacco and a manufacturer of cigars. During his long service as justice of the peace, scrivener and survivor, he has deeply impressed himself upon this section of the county, and he has made a name for himself above reproach.

**WILLIAM BRINTON**, in his life time a successful farmer, was born in November, 1785, and he died in the present home of the family, which is situated on the Newport Pike, about half way between Gap and Christiana, Lancaster county, Feb. 10, 1878. His remains are resting in a private burying ground on the family homestead.

The Brintons are of English descent. William Brinton, a native of England, came to America in 1684, and settled in Chester county, Pa. Moses Brinton, son of the emigrant and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Chester county in 1725, but in 1747 he located on land in Leacock township, Lancaster county, given him by his father. He married Eleanor, daughter of Hattel Verman, a native of Ireland, and died in 1789.

Joseph Brinton, son of Moses and Eleanor, was born Nov. 22, 1754, and died in 1809. He was married in 1784 to Susanna Rigbe, and their children were: William, whose name introduces this article; James and Samuel, both deceased; Mary, who married (first) Joseph Cole, (second) David Town-

send, and died at the age of ninety years; Sarah, born in 1793, who married Joseph Cooper, and died in 1858.

William Brinton engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, and in 1858 located on the place yet occupied by his family. In Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, in 1823, he wedded Gulielma Cooper, by whom he had the following children: Cassandra R., who married Thomas Harvey, and died the mother of three children; Jane, who married Parvin Smith, became the mother of eight children, and is now deceased; Joseph, who married (first) Mary Howland, and (second) her sister Anna; Susanna; and Mary T., who married Joseph J. Hopkins, a farmer in Sadsbury township. Mrs. Gulielma (Cooper) Brinton was born in Chester county, Pa., and died Dec. 29, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-six. She was a daughter of James and Mary (Paxton) Cooper, of Chester and Berks counties, respectively, and a granddaughter of Calvin Cooper, of England. James Cooper was a fuller by trade, and spent his entire life in Chester county; his children were: Joseph, Gulielma, Cyrus and Aaron.

William Brinton was a man of pronounced Abolition convictions; he took an active part in freeing slaves, and helping them on their way North. All the Cooper family belonged to the Society of Friends. Miss Susanna Brinton, who occupies the old home, has ample means to gratify her charitable inclinations, and has given among other substantial public benefits, two large iron fountains for watering horses to the borough of Christiana.

**SAMUEL McNEAL**, a retired carpenter, of Gap, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Sept. 27, 1821, son of Archibald and Catherine (Corl) McNeal, both natives of this county.

Archibald McNeal, who resided in Sadsbury township, was a plasterer by trade, and while working, in 1850, when in his seventieth year, fell from a ladder, and died. His remains were buried at Georgetown. His widow, Catherine Corl, born in April, 1795, died in Gap, in October, 1886, her burial being in the Gap cemetery. The children born to this union were: Daniel, deceased; Samuel, of this sketch; Cyrus, a retired carpenter of Bart township; Jacob; John, deceased; Mary A., who died young; Henry, deceased; Archibald, a carpenter, in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, who died young; Abraham, a carpenter at Pottsville; Rebecca, who married Thomas Nixon, a blacksmith at Gap; and Margaret, wife of Jacob Wise, a farmer of Salisbury township.

Until his marriage Mr. McNeal remained at home working for his parents, and after that he lived with them, and for some years followed his trade, which he had already learned. In 1870 he moved to Philadelphia, where he lived until 1893, when he came back to spend his declining years among his old friends in Lancaster county. Mr. McNeal has been a successful man in his line of work and enjoys ample means. Both he and wife are consistent



members of the Methodist Church in which he is one of the trustees. In his political sympathy, Mr. McNeal is a Democrat, but has never sought office.

On Feb. 10, 1846, Mr. McNeal was united in marriage in Lancaster, to Miss Elizabeth Groff, and the children born to this union were as follows: William, a minister in the M. E. Church, resides in Monroe county, Pa., married Isabella Guthrie and they have one child; Cyrus is a machinist in Philadelphia, married Anna Baldwin, and they have had six children, three of whom are deceased; Mary died unmarried at the age of forty-seven years; and Susan married William B. Williams, a miller in Chester county, and has four children.

Mrs. McNeal was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, Sept. 10, 1825, a daughter of George and Mary (Myers) Groff, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a well-known brick manufacturer, who was born in Lancaster in 1789, and died in 1812. His widow died in November, 1876, aged eighty-four years, and they were both interred in the cemetery of the German Lutheran Church, being consistent members of that religious body. Their children were: Samuel, George and Angelica, deceased; Kate, deceased, the wife of James Brady; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. McNeal; Michael, deceased; John, who is a painter in Oxford; and Susan, deceased, who married William Strine.

RICHARD BLICKENDERFER, proprietor of the general iron foundry and machine works at Lancaster, is one of that city's prominent business men and highly esteemed citizens.

The Blickenderfer family originated in Switzerland, from which country came Christian Blickenderfer, born in 1751, to join his two brothers, who had previously come to the United States. One of these located in Maryland, and the other settled in the western part of Pennsylvania, where he became conspicuous later as an Indian fighter. Christian, who was the grandfather of Richard, located in Lititz, Lancaster county, where many of his countrymen of the Moravian faith had made their homes, and there he passed his life.

Henry Blickenderfer, father of Richard, was born in Lititz August 17, 1808, and in 1832 married Elvina L. Beile, who was born in Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa. He settled down in his birthplace to the business of manufacturing cigars, a line in which he engaged very extensively until 1849, when he moved to Neffsville, where he spent one year as manager of a hotel. From there he moved to Lancaster, taking charge of the "Washington House," a hotel which occupied the site of the present "Northampton Market House," and there he remained until 1864, when he retired from activity. For a long period Mr. Blickenderfer was prominently identified with public affairs in Lancaster county. During the administration of President Buchanan he was census enumerator, and with efficiency filled various offices in the gift of the Democratic party. He was par-

ticularly well known as a Free Mason, being a member of both Council and Commandery (treasurer of the latter), and he belonged also to the Odd Fellows and Red Men. His religious training was received in the Moravian Church, of which he was a birth-right member. He died Jan. 31, 1897, and his widow still resides in Lancaster City; although she was born in 1812, she still retains her faculties in a remarkable degree. Mr. and Mrs. Blickenderfer had children as follows: Ellen, born Feb. 14, 1834, married the late Judge Henry Starbuck, of Salem, N. C., whose son is now notable as being the youngest judge of the Superior Court in North Carolina; James, born August 20, 1835, is now a resident of Colorado; William, born April 5, 1837, is a grocery merchant in Lancaster (he served in the Civil war with credit to himself and his country); Edward, born Feb. 27, 1839, was in the dry-goods business in Lancaster, and died Nov. 20, 1887; Richard is mentioned below; Mary, born May 9, 1842, married Emanuel Weidler, of Reading, Pa.; Harry, born Feb. 26, 1846, served in the Civil war, was later, as a skilled machinist, a forerunner in his brother's foundry, and died Jan. 12, 1891; Jacob, born March 8, 1845, is postmaster at Farmington, Wash. (he was also a soldier in the Civil war); Miss Emma, born August 5, 1848, resides with her venerable mother, in Lancaster; two died in infancy.

Richard Blickenderfer was born in Lititz, Lancaster county, Feb. 3, 1841. His education was acquired in the public schools, and at the age of eighteen years he entered a cabinet shop in Lancaster. There the first call for troops reached him, at the outbreak of the Civil war, and with loyal enthusiasm he assisted in forming Company B, of the 1st Reserves, for three years' service, but owing to an accident he never served in that company. On Oct. 14, 1861, he enlisted at Pitts, Pa., in Company C, 79th P. V. I., and was under Capt. Dysart until his death, in Kentucky, when Capt. Boone took charge. Mr. Blickenderfer remained with his company until Oct. 8, 1862, when, at the battle of Perryville, he was seriously wounded, a minie ball passing through his right leg. Although he was taken to hospital No. 8, Louisville, Ky., gangrene set in, and he was mustered out of the service at Louisville on March 27, 1863. A truly brave as well as loyal man, the following June found him engaged in forming Company D, of the 50th Emergency Regiment, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant. This regiment was engaged in guard duty along the Susquehanna river, at Williamsport, Md., and on the Potomac river, and was finally discharged, in 1863. Then Mr. Blickenderfer went to Washington, D. C., where he served in the Quartermaster's department until all danger of invasion was over. Returning to Lancaster, he re-enlisted, entering the 3d Heavy Artillery, with which he was stationed at Fortress Monroe for two months, later taking a transfer to Company E, 188th P. V. I., 24th Army Corps, and serving in the James River campaign. He was hon-





A black and white portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a suit and a bow tie. He is looking slightly to the left. The image is grainy and has a vintage appearance.

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orably discharged June 18, 1865. After this long, varied and faithful service Mr. Blickenderfer returned to Lancaster, but did not remain idle. He apprenticed himself to Arburger, McCollough & Co., for one year, and worked for them as a journeyman until April 1, 1866, as a patternmaker. In April, 1867, he started a brass foundry. After three months of such experience, the opportunity presented itself for him to enter into an iron foundry business, which he purchased from Marsh, Bank & Martin, and he operated the same at Duke and Chestnut streets until May 11, 1879, at which time his plant was destroyed by fire. Mr. Blickenderfer was not to be discouraged in this way, and after looking about a short time purchased his present valuable plant. This was built by William Diller, in 1855, and is located at Water and Marion streets, extending back to Arch street; the establishment comprises a general foundry and machine work shops, and employs a force of fifty-five men. By July following his loss by fire he had his new business in fine running order. He has continued its operation ever since, and through energy and ability has placed it in the front rank among the industries in this part of the State.

In August, 1866, Mr. Blickenderfer married, in Lititz, Miss Clara A. Kryder, and to this union have been born these children: Minnie O. married H. L. Zook, a leather merchant and dealer in shoe findings in Lancaster; Charles H., who married Bessie Manby, is a patternmaker with his father; Bertha M. married H. L. Forry, who fills a clerical position in Lancaster; Miss Mabel E. is at home.

Mrs. Clara A. (Kryder) Blickenderfer was born in Lititz, Pa., daughter of Charles H. and Olivia Kryder, the former of whom was a tailor, but later engaged in the wholesale liquor business. For four years he operated a hotel in Neftsville, but his later years were spent in Lancaster, his death occurring in 1897, at the age of seventy-eight years. His first wife died in 1863. They had these children: Adelaide (deceased), who was the wife of Martin Groff; Theodore (deceased), who married Fanny Miller, of Washington, D. C.; Mary (deceased), who married George Wisner, a box manufacturer of Lancaster; and Clara A., wife of Mr. Blickenderfer. By his second marriage, to Sarah Christ, Mr. Kryder had one daughter, Sarah, now deceased. Mrs. Kryder lives in Lancaster.

In politics Mr. Blickenderfer is a staunch Republican, but he always declines to accept office. He is justly valued as a comrade of the G. A. R. post in his city, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, of Lancaster, and to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Blue Lodge No. 43, Lancaster; Chapter No. 43; Council No. 19; Commandery No. 13, Lancaster; and Harrisburg Consistory, 32d degree. Like his forefathers, Mr. Blickenderfer belongs to the Moravian Church. Coming of a family which has taken an honorable part in the history of Lancaster county, full of energy and business acumen,

he has fulfilled the expectations of his friends, who have with interest watched his upward career. Mr. Buckenderfer is regarded as a strong man in business, a most admirable citizen, and a representative factor, in many ways, in the progressive industrial life of this city.

ISAAC W. SLOKOM, president of the Christiana National Bank, of Christiana, Lancaster county, and one of the most prominent men in his section of the State, comes of a family which has been represented in Lancaster county for over a century.

The Slokoms are of English origin, and four generations of the family rest in a private burying-ground in Lancashire, England. Isaac Skokom, great-grandfather of Isaac W., came to America from his home in Lancashire after his marriage. He first came to Pennsylvania, and located in the Wyoming Valley, about two years before the famous massacre, carrying on farming there until a short time prior to that event, when he removed to Jefferson county, W. Va. There he passed the remainder of his days, and his family of three children grew to maturity in that section. Thomas was the grandfather of Isaac W.; Jane married James Heath, and after his death made her home in New Holland, Lancaster county, where she died; Nancy married Isaac La Rue, after whose death she moved with her family to Ohio, settling at Skeel's Crossroads, in Washington township, Mercer county, where her son, Uriah La Rue, still resides.

Thomas Skokom migrated to Pennsylvania in 1798, and first resided in Providence, Lancaster county, in 1810 settling in Sadsbury township. There he carried on farming, and he also conducted the old "Red Lion Hotel," which he erected, until his death, Aug. 1, 1833. His remains rest in Sadsbury graveyard. Thomas Skokom married Susanna Miller, and of the eight children born to this union Samuel, father of Isaac W., was the last survivor. Mrs. Skokom died in 1842, at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Cross, in Redford, Mich. She was a descendant of Jacob Miller, who was born in 1663, emigrated to America from Germany, and purchased a large tract of land in the Pequea Valley, in Strasburg township, this county. His son Samuel was the first child born in the Swiss colony. Henry Miller, a descendant of Jacob, was a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Skokom was born Feb. 5, 1817, in Sadsbury township, where he spent his entire life. When his father died he fell heir to the hotel and forty acres of land connected with that property, and he carried it on for six years. In 1841 he sold this place and purchased an improved farm in Wayne county, Mich., intending to settle there, but deciding to remain in his old home he bought a farm of 108 acres in Bart township, and worked the same for about six years. His next purchase was a farm of thirty acres near Christiana, and during his three years' residence





on that place he carried on the Noble foundry in the village. During the last year he was in partnership with William F. Baker, to whom he sold his interest in 1853. He then invested in a farm at Coopersville, consisting of 102 acres, with three residences, a store and a blacksmith shop, and resided there for one year. The next year he carried on the Boone farm, of 108 acres, which he had purchased. In 1857 Mr. Slokom removed to the old Pownall farm at Christiana, comprising 128 acres, which he purchased of Junius P. Marshall, and there he spent the remainder of his life, which closed in 1889. As may be inferred from the various transactions in real estate referred to, Mr. Slokom was a man of keen judgment in land values, and he dealt largely in real estate, having executed over three hundred title deeds for lands. As a business man he was recognized by all who knew him to possess superior ability, which, combined with wonderful energy and industry, was the means of bringing him a fine competence. His judgment in the ordinary affairs of life was unusually sound, his practical common sense and wide knowledge of human nature, applied to every problem which presented itself, enabling him to foresee clearly many results to which others were blind or indifferent. As was natural for a man of such strong character, he exerted considerable influence in his section, and he was respected wherever his name was known. Mr. Slokom was chiefly instrumental, in 1882, in the organization of the Christiana National Bank, of which he was elected president, and he held that position until his death. For over twenty years he was a director in the Lancaster County Mutual Insurance Co., of which he served as president a number of years prior to his decease. Mr. Slokom acted as justice of the peace fifteen years, and was county commissioner one term. In 1855 he lacked but one vote of receiving the nomination of his party for the State Senate. His political affiliation was originally with the Democratic party, but he voted for Fremont, and from that time was an active worker in the Republican party.

On Jan. 4, 1837, Samuel Slokom married Mary Walker, who was born April 6, 1806, in Sadsbury township, daughter of Isaac and Deborah Walker, and they had four children who grew to maturity, Susan, Dora D., Isaac W. and Mary R. Susan is the wife of Thomas J. Houston. Dora D. married William H. Sproul, and they have two children, Samuel E. and William C. Isaac W. is mentioned below. Mary R. is the wife of James Sproul, and they have three children, Dora, Anna and Mary. Mrs. Mary Slokom died in 1892, and she and her husband are buried in the old cemetery of the Society of Friends, in Sadsbury township. Both were Friends in religious connection, Mr. Slokom joining the Society in 1844.

Isaac W. Slokom was born June 26, 1841, in Sadsbury township, and attended the district schools until he was eight years of age, after which he went to school in Christiana. He was also a student in

the Christiana high school and at the Millersville Academy, from which he was graduated in 1862. Following this he read law for a year with Judge Livingston, and on leaving his office entered the Chester Valley Bank, as teller, remaining there until he entered the army for service in the Civil war, in 1863. He was clerk at Gen. Sheridan's headquarters to the close of the Rebellion, and after his return home served one year as deputy county treasurer. His next position was in the Mechanics Bank of Lancaster, where he was paying teller for two years, and for the two years following this connection he was chief clerk and assistant superintendent of the Lancaster Mfg. Co., which conducted what is now known as the Penn Rolling Mills. He was then internal revenue collector for a year and a half, at the expiration of which time he went to Washington, D. C., to take a position in the Treasury Department, where he was a clerk for two years. From this time until 1880 Mr. Slokom acted as cashier of the National Bank of Christiana, in the latter year succeeding his father in the presidency of that institution, which he has ever since retained, so managing the business that it has been successful far beyond the expectations of its founders. He has also been president of the Christiana Water Co., since its organization, in which he was one of the prime movers. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Christiana Building & Loan Association, in 1860, and has been one of the directors from that time to the present.

Mr. Slokom was the first burgess of Christiana borough, resigning that office after three years' service. He served another year after the death of his successor in that incumbency, but resigned again, and he has steadfastly refused all offers of official honors since, though it is not saying too much to assert that he could have any office in the gift of his fellow townsmen. He is popular in the Republican party, and popular in his locality irrespective of party, and the nomination to such high position as representative in Congress has been urged upon him, but he has so far resisted all the efforts of his friends and enthusiastic townsmen to get him to assume public duties. His business affairs occupy a large share of his time, and though he began life under very favorable circumstances he has made good use of all his talents, has worked as industriously as any man in his community, and has managed his affairs so ably as to materially increase his heritage. His property holdings in Christiana and Sadsbury township are extensive, and well looked after. Mr. Slokom needs no higher praise than the simple statement that he is a worthy successor to his father, whose standing in Lancaster county, both as a business man and as a citizen generally, is too well known to need remark here.

In February, 1867, Mr. Slokom was married, in Winchester, Va., to Laura V. Shyrock, and two children came to this union, Samuel and Charles S., both of whom are in the Christiana National Bank, the





former as cashier, the latter as teller. Samuel married Anna Gilney, of Chester county, Pa., and they have two children, Samuel and Virginia. Charles is unmarried, and lives with his parents. Mrs. Slokom was born in Newtown, Frederick Co., Va., daughter of Col. Charles E. and Martha Shyroock, who still live in that State. Col. Shyroock was a large land owner before the Civil war, which all but broke down his fortunes, and he was a prominent man in his section during his active years. He served as a colonel in the Confederate army during the Civil war. Mrs. Slokom's paternal great-grandfather was a colonel under Washington during the Revolution, and her maternal great-grandfather was also an officer under that leader in the same struggle.

Mr. Slokom is a member of the Society of Friends, to which his wife and sons also belong.

JOSEPH K. BRENEMAN, a well-known farmer of Manor township, residing two and a half miles south of Millersville, where he owns fifty-three acres of what was formerly known as the old Stehman farm, was born Sept. 30, 1845, on the Breneman homestead, of which full mention is made in the Breneman Family sketch, to be found elsewhere.

Joseph K. Breneman was reared to farming on the parental homestead, southeast of Creswell, and was educated in the common schools of his district. At the age of twenty-five years he started in business for himself by cultivating the home place for two years, and he then moved upon Reuben Garber's farm, where he conducted general farming for twenty years. In 1891, Joseph K. purchased his present home, and in 1892 took possession, making many valuable improvements and now owning one of the best farms of its dimensions in the township, if not the county.

In 1869 Joseph K. Breneman first married Mary Eshleman, daughter of Martin Eshleman, and to this marriage were born four children, viz.: Elizabeth and Annie, deceased; Christian, at home; and Ella, wife of John Hoover, of Manor township. Mrs. Mary (Eshleman) Breneman passed away in 1880, and in 1882 Joseph K. Breneman married Miss Fannie M. Neff, daughter of Jacob Neff, and this union has been blessed with three children, namely: Emma and Phares, deceased; and Amanda, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Breneman are Mennonites in religion, and are classed among the county's most worthy citizens.

JACOB C. KREITER, a progressive farmer of Warwick township, residing one mile from Lititz, comes of a family which has long been prominent among the agricultural citizens of Lancaster county.

Christian Kreiter, his grandfather, was born Jan. 3, 1789, and lived and died in Lancaster county, passing away Jan. 1, 1874. He was a farmer for the greater part of his life, but at one time was interested in a brewery at Lititz. He belonged to the Old Whig party and served as a school director for some

time. He married Catharine Behmer, and they became the parents of one child, Solomon, who was the father of our subject.

Solomon Kreiter was born April 16, 1827, near where our subject now resides. He, too, was a farmer, and followed that calling until his death, which occurred May 8, 1863. He was baptized in the Moravian Church, but eventually joined the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kreiter married Maria Grossman, and they were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in childhood; Jacob C. is our subject; John S. is a physician in Akron, Pa.; James E. died in 1885; David H. and Henry D. are twins, the former living in Fairland, the latter in Ephrata, this county; and Martha M. is the wife of Levi H. Wissler.

Jacob C. Kreiter was born May 20, 1849, in Warwick township, on the farm of which he now owns a part, and where he resides. His father died when he was a mere lad of fourteen years, and he remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-three years old, receiving his education in the common schools of the county, with one term in the State Normal at Millersville, and two in the Lititz Academy. He then began life for himself at farming on the place adjoining the one whereon he now lives. He purchased his home place in 1879, and is one of the respected citizens of Lancaster county, broad-gauged, public-spirited and fully alive to all the needs of his community. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he has held the office of assessor since 1891.

On Nov. 14, 1872, Mr. Kreiter wedded Miss Mary A. Brunner, who was born Dec. 12, 1853, daughter of Peter and Susan Brunner. To this union came one child that died in infancy.

DAVID W. KURTZ (deceased). Reverence for the memory of departed loved ones is an instinctive attribute of human nature, and it is often intensified with the lapse of time. At the contemplative mind in its hours of solitary retrospection throws back the portals of memory on their resting hinges, and peers into the caverns where lurk the recollections of former relations, friends and associates, a brighter and more hallowed light seems to enshroud the objects of the mental vision and to give to them a coloring before unnoticed, or at least but dimly seen, and through which new characteristics, so to speak, become perceptible and add to the melancholy interest felt for the departed loved one, un-availing though that interest may be; practically such, however, are the conditions that pervade the recollection of the late David W. Kurtz.

David W. Kurtz was born Feb. 5, 1830, on the farm still occupied by his widow and surviving child in Salisbury township, and died on the same farm in October, 1884, his remains being interred in the United Evangelical Church cemetery. His parents, Christian and Anna (Weaver) Kurtz, were also natives of Lancaster county, where Christian was all



his life a farmer, and where his remains after death were buried in a private cemetery beside those of his wife, both having been devout members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of seven children, born in the following order, but all now deceased, including the youngest, David W., himself. To-wit: Maria, who was married to Moses Sharp; Susannah, married to Moses Eby; Jonathan, who married Prudence Good; Elizabeth, married to Peter Eby; Joseph, who died in young manhood; Lydia, who was married to Christopher Umble; and David W., whose name is mentioned above.

In January, 1853, David W. Kurtz was married at the parsonage in Salisbury—the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. John Wallace—to Miss Maria Hurst, a most amiable young lady, who was born June 5, 1829, in Leacock township, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Varnes) Hurst. To this union were born two children, namely: Harry H., who married Sallie Hamilton, had two children, Guy (deceased) and Alta M., and is now living retired with his mother, Mrs. David W. Kurtz; Laura E., who married Luther Mentzer, a farmer in Salisbury township, and has had five children, viz: Herbert, Helen (deceased), Luella, Ruth and Guy.

Henry Hurst, father of Mrs. David W. Kurtz, was a native of Leacock township, was a farmer by vocation, and a prominent and well-known citizen. His death occurred Jan. 5, 1856, at the age of sixty-two years and ten months, and that of his wife in June, 1848, when forty-two years old—the latter being of German parentage. The remains of this honored couple were buried in a private cemetery in Leacock township, the mother having been a pious and consistent member of the German Reformed Church, while the father, although not a member, was a constant attendant at the same, and a liberal contributor to its support. To the marriage of Henry and Mary (Varnes) Hurst there were born seven children in the following order: Martin, who died young; John, who married Julia Dorsey, and lived to be seventy-two; Hannah, who was married to David Brisben, and died at twenty-eight; Henry, who died young; Maria, now Mrs. David W. Kurtz; Rebecca and Susan, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kurtz were John and Annie Hurst, of whom more may be learned by reference to the biographical sketch of M. S. Hurst, of Leacock township.

The late David W. Kurtz was all his life a farmer, and passed his entire life on the 133-acre homestead on which his birth took place, and which came to him by inheritance. While his wife was and is an earnest member of the United Evangelical Church, Mr. Kurtz could never be induced to join, but he was, nevertheless, a sincere Christian and a constant attendant at the services of the congregation. He freely contributed financially toward the maintenance of this, as well as other religious bodies, and to the very deserving work of charity that

was brought to his notice. In promoting works designed for the convenience, comfort and happiness of the public he was ever foremost, often taking the initiative in such measures and aiding them promptly with his capital. He was also prompt and reliable in all business transactions, and was quiet and domestic in his home relations. He possessed a handsome competence, which has passed into the hands of his widow, who is making such use of it as she feels would have pleased her late husband. Mr. Kurtz was a truly beloved and honored citizen, whose acquaintance extended all over the township and into the adjacent country, where his pleasant ways and cheerful countenance are still cherished in the memory of his former associates.

M. G. SCHAEFFER, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, is a son of Martin Schaeffer, of Bareville, whose sketch and ancestry will be found elsewhere among these annals.

Mr. Schaeffer was born in Earl township July 30, 1868, and after studying in the schools of the district, went to Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in 1890. After his graduation, he entered the law office of the late Judge Brubaker, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county, in November, 1893. Two years later he was admitted to the Supreme Court, and now practices in that court as well as the local courts, the Superior Court, and the United States District Court. During the three years' term of office of District Attorney W. T. Brown, Mr. Schaeffer acted as assistant district attorney, proving a most painstaking, efficient and popular official. An ardent Republican, he has been a local campaign orator since 1891, doing most effective service for his party's cause. He was slated by the Republican State Central Committee for State campaigning, but never took up the work, preferring the local field.

On May 6, 1895, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Miss Anna M. Light, daughter of Bishop H. E. Light, of Mountville, a well-known clergyman of the German Baptist Brethren. Two children have been born of this union: Elizabeth Dorothy and Anna Martha. Mr. Schaeffer's law offices are at No. 13, North Duke street, and his home is at No. 137 East James street, in the city of Lancaster. As one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, Mr. Schaeffer has been very successful, enjoying the absolute confidence of a large clientele, and we bespeak for him continued success, and a constantly increasing practice in his chosen profession, as the well merited fruits of industry and close attention to business.

JACOB EABY. The general farming interests of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, have a fitting representative in the person of Jacob Eaby, an ex-soldier who although in but the prime of life has attained prominence in the pursuit of agriculture and has secured for himself a competency. He





was born May 18, 1846, in Intercourse, Leacock township, a son of Moses and Susannah (Kurtz) Eaby, the former of whom had been a merchant in that village for forty years.

Jacob Eaby passed his boyhood days in aiding his father in his business and in attending school until a little over seventeen years old, when, seeing that the slavery propagandists of the South were determined to disrupt the Union rather than see their pet institution perish for want of new territory in which to nourish it, he enlisted, March 24, 1864, for three years, as a defender of the integrity of the States, provided the war was not sooner brought to a close. He was assigned to Co. C, Lieut. Cyrus L. Eckert, 79th P. V. I., and although he had a part in several skirmishes did not have an opportunity of being engaged in a regular battle, and was honorably discharged, unhurt, at Alexandria, Va., July 12, 1865, about three months after the close of the war.

On returning from the army Mr. Eaby re-entered his father's store, where he remained three years; he then went to Kansas and entered 160 acres of land which, four months later, he abandoned. He then returned to his old home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, worked three years among the farmers, added to his savings and purchased his present home of fifty acres. At Lancaster, Oct. 10, 1871, Mr. Eaby married Miss Lucie E. Murr, the accomplished daughter of Isaac and Anna (Glouner) Murr, of East Earl township, but her own birth took place in Leacock township March 31, 1854. Isaac Murr was a blacksmith by trade, was greatly respected in his community during his long and useful life, and died March 27, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years; his wife died in 1865, when she was but forty-two years old. The remains of both were interred in Roland's Church cemetery, in Earl township. To Mr. and Mrs. Murr were born five children, namely: Lucie E., now Mrs. Eaby; Joseph, a blacksmith, in Leacock township; Maria, wife of Harry Grover, a milk dealer at Long Branch, N. J.; Anna, wife of Newton Hoar; and Ida, married to Henry Hoar, a blacksmith at Intercourse, Lancaster county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eaby was Jacob Murr, a farmer of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna Glouner, natives of Lancaster county, Pa., and Germany, respectively.

To the marriage of Jacob and Lucie E. (Murr) Eaby have been born a family of thirteen children, all with the exception of Isaac W. still living, viz: Moses, a farmer in South Hermitage, Salisbury township, married to Anna Ayers, who has borne him four children; Cora, wife of Frederick Heim, of Lancaster, is the mother of one child; Miss Cecelia M. lives in Philadelphia; Anna M. married J. Willis Martin, a jeweler, and is living in Savannah, Ga.; Miss Mary E. resides in Philadelphia; Isaac W. died young; David K. lives in Lancaster; Gracie M.; Jason K. and A. Amanda are twins;

Susan C.; and Samuel S. and Nellie B. are twins. The six last named are all at home.

Mr. Eaby is an up-to-date agriculturist, and although his farm comprises but fifty acres it is one of the best tilled and most productive in the township of Salisbury. He thoroughly understands his calling and has always been industrious and thrifty. He is a genial, good-natured gentleman and counts his friends by the score, who all hold him in the highest esteem and admire him for his personal merit and his upright walk through life. In politics Mr. Eaby is a Republican.

JACOB C. SEITZ comes of an old Lancaster county family, his grandfather, John Seitz, with his wife, Annie Garber, having settled in Manor township in early days. John Seitz was a hard working farmer; he was the father of one son, named Jacob G., who in turn was the father of Jacob C. John had three brothers, Michael, Jacob and Henry.

Jacob G. Seitz was born in 1814, and died in 1892. He cultivated a farm of three hundred acres, but ceased active work several years before his death. He was a man of progressive ideas, stimulated by native shrewdness and close observation, and was noted for his enlightened public spirit. No well-matured scheme for the general welfare was ever submitted to him without commanding his hearty approval and liberal support. In early life he was an Old Line Whig, but after the formation of the Republican party he affiliated with that organization. His fellow citizens attested their confidence in his ability and integrity by elevating him to various positions of honor and trust. In educational and sociological matters he cherished a deep interest. He served as prison inspector and as a member of the school board, and after the passage of the new State school law officially aided in carrying it into execution. He was a man of means, and for many years was a director in the First National Bank of Columbia. He married Barbara Charles, who died in her forty-first year. She was the mother of nine children: Anna, John, Jacob C., Charles, Amos, Barbara, Elizabeth, Christian and Henry. The two last named died in early childhood. Anna married Henry W. Mann, of Manor. John is a resident of Mountville, as are also Charles and Barbara and Amos, none of whom are married. Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob R. Myers, of Manor township.

Jacob C. Seitz was born in Manor Oct. 30, 1836. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming on his own land, and is today one of Lancaster county's most successful agriculturists, owning 123 acres of choice, highly cultivated land, within a mile of Mountville. Like his father, he is a man of broad, advanced views on all questions of public import, and like him he has made his influence felt in the community at large. For nine years he served upon the school board, and he succeeded his father in the directorate of the First National Bank of Columbia.



Genial and generous, with a heart lenient toward the failing of others, he is deservedly popular, numbering his friends by scores. He is an enthusiastic sportsman with both rod and gun, and his home is filled with trophies of his prowess. He is an expert taxidermist, and has himself mounted his specimens with his own hands. He is no less dextrous in wood-carving, and he exhibits to his friends numerous specimens of his skill in the form of walking sticks, embellished with figures symbolic of the achievements of the sportsman in field and stream, executed with a boldness and delicacy which might well awaken envy in the breast of a professional artist.

Mr. Seitz has been twice married. His first wife was Lucy Ann, a daughter of Joseph Stoner, to whom he was united in 1857. The issue of this marriage was two sons, Joseph and Clayton, both of whom are Manor township farmers. On Sept. 30, 1866, Mr. Seitz was married to Elizabeth, a daughter of Benjamin K. Lehman; her mother, before marriage, was Elizabeth Newcomer. One daughter has been born to them: Mary E. L., who graduated from the State Normal School, at Millersville in 1890, and lives with her parents. Her first actual experience as a teacher was during the winter of 1890-1900. Mrs. Seitz is a member of the Mennonite Church.

**BENJAMIN W. HERSHEY**, who entered into rest Feb. 3, 1902, aged forty-nine years, four months and twenty-two days, was a contractor and builder of Landisville, Pa., and was one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. He was born on a farm in West Hempfield township, this county, Sept. 11, 1852, son of John N. and Mary (Witmever) Hershey, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John Hershey, Sr., his grandfather, married Mary Nolt, and they reared a large family. Mr. Hershey was not an industrious farmer, preferring the pleasures of hunting and kindred sports, but having inherited a large fortune, it was not a necessity for him to till the soil.

John N. Hershey, son of John, Sr., and father of Benjamin W., was born on the farm near Silver Springs, in West Hempfield township, where he remained for twenty-one years, removing then to the Hoffman Hershey farm in West Hempfield township, where he lived six years. He then came to his farm of eighteen acres in East Hempfield township, within one mile of the village of Landisville, and here he lived until his death, in 1883, at the age of sixty-five years, his birth having been in 1818. John Hershey was married to Mary Witmever, and she still resides in the village of Landisville. They had a family of thirteen children, and Benjamin W. was the third in order of birth.

Benjamin W. Hershey acquired his education in the public schools, and remained at home until the age of twenty-three years, beginning then a trade in which he afterward attained such marked success.

For two years after finishing his apprenticeship in the carpenter trade he worked as a journeyman, and then, at his father's request, returned home, renting what was known as the John Hess farm. This he operated in connection with his trade, and by his industry and energy became the owner of considerable property, and reared a family of seven children in comfort, giving them educational advantages, and at his death he was considered one of the substantial citizens of the county.

Mr. Hershey owned his residence tract near Landisville, and also a valuable building lot in Rohrerstown. He assisted in the erection of many of the most substantial and imposing buildings in the beautiful city of Lancaster, his work being seen in the Western Market house, also in Rohrerstown; the Mennonite Church and the school building, while a great number of the commodious and convenient barns which make Lancaster county known to the tourist as a prosperous agricultural section were erected by his skill and mechanical knowledge. Mr. Hershey was one of the examples of capable industry who are always found where prosperity reigns, for when the winter settled down, and both farming and carpenter work were at a standstill, he assisted his farmer neighbors in their butchering, this being a very important branch of agricultural industry. Few men in this locality displayed more energy or industry than did Mr. Hershey, and few men were more thoroughly esteemed. Mr. Hershey was a devoted and consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and in 1899 he was ordained a deacon, an honor which was well deserved, as he was a sincere and conscientious man.

On Dec. 5, 1878, Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Emma Dietrich, and a family of seven children were born to this union: Dora, who is a teacher in the public schools; Milton, a brakeman; Samuel, a clerk in a store; Franklin, Emma, Mary and John, at home. Mrs. Hershey was born on the old Andrew Kauffman farm near Landisville Dec. 17, 1860, a daughter of Samuel H. and Mary (Stewart) Dietrich, the former of whom is still surviving at the age of seventy-six years, in Bamford, the mother having died Jan. 12, 1898, at the age of sixty-six years, two months and twenty-six days. She was a most worthy member of the German Baptist Church, a devoted mother, excellent wife and kind neighbor. Mr. Dietrich is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

**GEORGE L. BUCKWALTER**. Prominent among the leading citizens of East Lampeter township is George L. Buckwalter, a popular and progressive member of an old and honored family of the county. Although now living a retired life, he formerly was well and favorably known through this locality as a successful stockdealer, and an excellent man of business.

George L. Buckwalter was born on the farm of which he is the present owner, located in East Lamp-





petertownship, on the Williamstown pike road, locally known as the old Philadelphia road. His parents were Martin and Ann (Lefever) Buckwalter, the former of whom was a son of John Buckwalter, Sr., and a brother of John Jr., and Eliza. One daughter of John Buckwalter, Sr., Susanna, deceased, married first Hugh Moore, and later became the wife of Tobias Leaman, who now lives retired at Millersville, with his son's widow; and Elizabeth married Abram Leaman.

The original title, in the Buckwalter family, to the lands now owned by George L., was held by grandfather John Buckwalter, who improved the property with out-buildings, and who also erected two stone dwellings, facing from opposite sides of the road, this location being formerly of some note, being famous under the name of "Running Pump Hotel," and the first proprietor of this comfortable hostelry was John Buckwalter, Sr., and at his death he was succeeded by his son, John.

The children of Martin and Ann Buckwalter were: Maria, the widow of Christian Rohrer; Susan, deceased wife of Isaac Bushong; Sarah, the wife of Henry Leaman; Eliza, deceased wife of David Lefever; Annie; and George L. The parents of this family were buried in the old Mellinger burying ground. They were good and consistent members of the German Reformed Church.

George L. Buckwalter grew to manhood on the farm, with only common school advantages, and he has been a very successful agriculturist and has been identified with much of the progress of East Lampeter township. Politically he is a staunch Republican. In 1874 he wedded Eliza E. Esbenschade, whose death occurred in 1878. For his second wife he married Miss Fanny Herr, fifth child of John and Fanny (Kreider) Herr, both of whom were of the Reformed Mennonite faith. They now rest in the old Longenecker cemetery.

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Buckwalter were: Christian K. died unmarried in 1855, at the age of twenty-two; Abraham K. married Serena Diller, and died in 1806, at the age of sixty-two years; Anna, who died March 21, 1886, aged forty-eight years, was the wife of Franklin Bowman, and left one daughter, Annetta H., a charming and accomplished woman; Amos K. married Lizzie Kohr, daughter of John Kohr, and has one son, John K.; and Sue A. married Dr. B. F. Herr, of Millersville, and has one daughter, Fannie M.

**WITMER.** The name of Witmer has long been known and respected in Lancaster county. David Witmer passed a long and useful life there, leaving behind him the record of an exemplary life, as a minister in the Old Mennonite Church, as an excellent and industrious farmer, kind neighbor and devoted care-taker of his family. For a number of years he officiated at the Mellinger meeting house, well known in his locality. He married Annie Rutt, and they became the parents of eleven children, all

but two of these reaching maturity: Jacob, a retired farmer, lives in East Lampeter township; Abram was a farmer and tobacco dealer; David; Hettie is unmarried; Annie is the widow of Christian Kendig; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Emanuel Herr; Elizabeth died unmarried; Barbara, deceased, the wife of Christian Frey; and Benjamin R.

Benjamin R. Witmer was born in East Lampeter township in 1838, and during a life that reached to 1888 he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most successful farmers of this locality. His well-tilled fields and excellent improvements testify to his thrift and good management. His most estimable wife was Mary Kreider, and ten children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the others attaining maturity and becoming some of the most highly esteemed residents of this part of Lancaster county. These are: Annie K., the wife of Elias Myer; John K., the farmer on the old homestead; Mary K.; Amos K., a farmer of East Lampeter township; Benjamin K., a farmer also of East Lampeter township; David K., a farmer of Leacock township; Daniel G., a farmer of Lancaster township; and Esther K., at home. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church, and no family in the township is held in higher esteem.

**AMOS A. WEAVER,** one of the progressive and substantial farmer-citizens of Lancaster county, who owns and occupies the old family homestead in Strasburg township, was born March 9, 1852, a son of Henry K. and Christianna (Hoover) Weaver.

Henry K. Weaver was born Sept. 7, 1823, in Juniata county, Pa. His father died when he was a small boy, and soon after this affliction the mother with four of her children moved into Lancaster county. After some residence in Providence township the mother married Tobias Kreider, and the children of her first marriage became scattered. These were: George; Samuel, who married the daughter of Simon Groff; Catherine; and Henry K., the father of the subject of this sketch. A man by the name of Yordy took Henry K. as an apprentice on his farm, and there he was reared and later learned the tailoring trade, with John Raub, in Martinsville, working at this for some eight years, and gave it up in order to give his attention to farming, which had always been a favorite occupation. In 1878 he bought a farm of seventy-nine acres of fine, valuable land, located three miles south of the borough of Strasburg, and here he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring March 15, 1891. Through life he had been a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. On Oct. 16, 1845, he was married to Christianna Hoover, a daughter of Abraham Hoover, who was born in Strasburg township Oct. 1, 1822, and died Aug. 1, 1883, the mother of eleven children: Mary Emma, born in July, 1846, resides on the old homestead; Gideon, born in September, 1848, died in 1852; Ada, born in January, 1850, mar-





ried John E. Lantz, of Strasburg township; Amos A., born in March, 1852; Hettie, born in November, 1853, married Jacob Weaver, a machinist; Barbara, born in October, 1855, resides with her brother, on the old homestead; Milo H., born in September, 1857, is a farmer and stockraiser of Strasburg township; Catherine Amanda, born in November, 1850, died in February, 1878; John F., born in November, 1861, a miller by trade, resides in Providence township; Samuel Albert, born in April, 1863, is a resident of Easton, Md., where he manages a creamery; and Enos George, born in February, 1867, died in July, 1880.

Amos A. Weaver, who resides upon the old homestead, has devoted the greater part of his life to farming interests, although he learned the blacksmith trade, when younger. His line has been general farming, and since taking charge of the old place he has added land until he now owns ninety-two acres, and this he has improved until he possesses one of the best properties in the neighborhood. Both he and his sisters are devoted and consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, where they are valued for their Christian life and character. The family is one of the most highly respected in Strasburg township.

**ALBERT ROSENSTEIN**, the senior member of the well-known business corporation known as the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, manufacturers of umbrella, parasol and cane mounts and fine natural sticks, with a New York office at No. 80 Franklin street, is one of the leading and substantial citizens of Lancaster.

Albert Rosenstein was born in Lancaster June 29, 1854, a son of Levi and Caroline (Strauss) Rosenstein, the former a native of Hanover, Prussia, and the latter of the vicinity of Frankfort. Both came to Philadelphia in 1850, where they met and were married, and later located in Lancaster, where Mr. Rosenstein engaged in the grocery business for a period of forty years, living retired thereafter until his death, which occurred in February, 1867. His burial took place in Lancaster. Mr. Rosenstein was one of those careful, quiet, conservative business men, whose excellent methods and untiring industry invariably bring them success. His widow, now aged seventy-five years, is an esteemed resident of Lancaster. The children born to these most estimable people are among the most respected residents of Lancaster county: Albert is one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Silver Plate Company; Rosalie married M. H. Marx; Miss Hattie conducts a millinery establishment in Lancaster; Morris is a cigar manufacturer of Lancaster; Emma married Isadore Goldberg, a cigar manufacturer and jobber, of Coatesville, Pa.; Isaac represents the Silver Plate Company in New York.

Albert Rosenstein was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, attending up to the age of thirteen years, when he went to New York City, and

there entered the employ of J. Rosenthal & Co., importers of fancy goods, with which firm he continued until he was twenty years of age. Then he returned to Lancaster to engage in business for himself, embarking first in a wholesale notion business, but soon changing to merchant tailoring, in which for five years he was a leader in Lancaster. Mr. Rosenstein attracted the very best and most critical custom of the city, and conducted the business until the present company was organized, when he sold his former establishment to Robert Pierce.

In 1887, with a force of thirty hands, Mr. Rosenstein, in partnership with M. W. Fraim, organized the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, which has gradually increased in magnitude until employment is now given to 250 hands, and a New York office is necessary to handle the constantly increasing trade, which extends all over the United States and Europe. In 1894 occurred the death of Mr. Fraim, and Mr. Rosenstein continued alone until 1898, when he sold a half interest to H. Z. Rhoads, who is the other member of the present firm. Theirs is the largest umbrella, parasol and cane mounting establishment in the world, and they not only sell but purchase choice goods and raw materials in every land.

In February, 1875, Mr. Rosenstein was united in marriage with Hannah Rosenthal, who was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of Jacob and Lena (Ertinger) Rosenthal, natives of Germany who came to America in 1845, and engaged in the manufacture of clothing in Philadelphia. Mr. Rosenthal becoming one of the largest manufacturers of his day. He died in 1887, aged seventy years; he had been retired from business for some time. His widow survived until 1892, dying at the age of sixty-eight.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rosenstein have been born three children, namely: Edwin L., who is in his father's employ; Florence, who married Isadore Rosenthal, Esq., an attorney of Lancaster; and Miss Helene, at home. Mr. Rosenstein is of a social temperament, genial and affable, and is identified with the following fraternities: K. of P., I. O. F., I. O. B. B., Royal Arch. In politics he supports the Republican party. His religious membership is with the Temple Shairy Shomaim.

Mr. Rosenstein lives a busy life, looking carefully after his business interests, as befits one with so large a capital at stake, while his civic pride and social obligations also command much of his time and attention. In every way he ranks with the leading citizens of Lancaster.

**EZRA PFAUTZ**. When death removed Ezra Pfautz, at the early age of twenty-four years, there passed out of life one of the most honorable and esteemed citizens of Warwick township, Lancaster county, a quiet, just and unassuming man, who lived a most estimable life in the discharge of his daily duties, leaving behind him a memory that will long be tenderly cherished.

Ezra Pfautz was a son of John and Mary (Roy-





*Albert Rosenstein*





er) Pfautz, of Warwick township, the former one of the most prominent men of Lancaster county, and the latter connected with one of the old and honored families, both paternal and maternal names being known among the earliest settlers.

John Pfautz, the grandfather, was of German origin, and became one of the wealthiest farmers of Lancaster county. He reared a most estimable family of children, these being: Daniel, Mary, Joel, John, Ephraim, Lydia, Leah and Annie, all of them being consistent members of the German Baptist Church, and all of them having now passed out of life.

John Pfautz (2), son of John and father of Ezra, was the father of four children: Elias, Joseph and Ezra, deceased; and John Jr., who lives in Elstonsville, Manheim township, where he is a thrifty farmer.

Ezra Pfautz was born May 10, 1845, and died Jan. 21, 1870, in the flower of his youth, leaving behind him a devoted wife, Susanna (Rupp) Pfautz, whom he had married Nov. 7, 1867, and an infant daughter, Matilda, born March 25, 1869, she being now the representative of the sixth generation of the name in America.

Thirteen years ago Mrs. Pfautz and her daughter removed to Ephrata, buying at that time the valuable property located at No. 32 West Main street, where they established themselves in handsome style. They are regarded as not only among the most substantial, but the most highly respected, among the residents of the borough. They are highly valued and consistent members of the German Reformed Church, at Ephrata, giving liberally to its support, and are interested in its benevolent and charitable enterprises.

During life Ezra Pfautz was an honest, industrious and God-fearing man, a kind husband and father, and one of the best of neighbors and most excellent of citizens. Such men are an honor to a neighborhood, and at their death are deeply deplored.

PRESTON E. HANNUM, who is postmaster at Christiana, where he has been engaged for many years as a cattle dealer, was born in Aston township, Delaware Co., Pa., Sept. 27, 1851, a son of William and Anna (Eyre) Hannum, both natives of Delaware county.

William Hannum was a son of Aaron and Sarah (Mercer) Hannum, farming people of Delaware county. He, too, was in his earlier life a farmer, but became a miller when he was about forty years old, making milling his occupation for the rest of his active life. He died in August, 1884, at the age of sixty-three. His widow, whose maiden name was Anna Eyre, survived until 1900, when she too passed away, at the ripe age of seventy-three years. William Hannum held various township offices, was justice of the peace, and school director, and in his time a very active and public-spirited citizen. Both he and his wife were members of the Friends Association. To them were born the following children:

Sally, who married Hayes Clark, a farmer of Chester county, Pa.; Preston E., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Belle W., a teacher in Bucks county; Rebecca E., who married George Hoopes, a farmer in Chester county; Harriet W., who married J. Edson Shallcross, a resident of Coatesville, Pa.; Frank M., in the lumber business at Christiana; Walter, in Chester county; and George W., with our subject.

On April 18, 1878, Preston E. Hannum was married, in Arglen, Chester Co., Pa., to Lottie E. Phillips, by whom he has had the following children: John P.; Sarah and Anna, who are dead; William; and Caroline B. Mrs. Lottie E. (Phillips) Hannum was born in Arglen, a daughter of John M. and Sarah (Jones) Phillips, both natives of Chester county. Her father, who was a farmer, died in Chester county, and her mother, born July 28, 1810, died July 19, 1902.

Mr. Hannum remained on his father's farm until he was thirteen years old, when he entered the mill, and learned the milling trade under the parental care and direction. He was engaged in the operation of the mill until 1884, when he sold it, and turning his attention to the cattle business, soon built up a very good trade. He was appointed postmaster June 1, 1897, and by his genial disposition, business abilities and accommodating disposition he has made a host of friends since his accession to the postmastership. Mr. Hannum has been school director for thirteen years, and clerk of the borough since its incorporation. For the past ten years he has been on the County committee. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Baptist Church. His standing in the community in every way is beyond question, and he is numbered among the leading citizens of Christiana.

JACOB PICKEL, one of the successful and representative farmers and dairymen of Sadsbury township, was born in Bart township, this county, Sept. 1, 1815, son of Leonard and Mary E. (Miller) Pickel, natives of Bart and Poquea townships.

Leonard Pickel was a man well and favorably known in this county, and was equally at home in the trades of farmer, cooper, carpenter and horse dealer. His business connections were extensive, and it was while he was attending to some large transaction in Ogden, Utah, in 1881, that he died, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother survived until Sept. 2, 1895, dying at the age of seventy-two years. For many years Leonard Pickel was a prominent man in Lancaster county, was poor director and county commissioner for some years. The children born to Leonard Pickel and wife were: Ross M., who died at the age of sixty years; Ephraim, who is a farmer and carpenter, in Paradise township; Jacob; Samuel G., a farmer of Sadsbury township; Ellis, a grocery merchant of Lancaster; Sam'rah, deceased, who married James Martin; Elizabeth E., who married Jonathan Hoke, of Illinois; and Flora, who married Ray Reed, a bookkeeper, in Lancaster.



Until his marriage Jacob Pickel remained with his parents, assisting his father in his various lines of business. The seventeen months succeeding his marriage were employed in the smelting furnace in Paradise township, and then he accepted the management of a farm of 218 acres, in Salisbury township, for Joseph Worton, and continued with him, as his reliable and efficient superintendent, for a period of thirty years. In 1789 he moved to his present well-cultivated and valuable farm, purchasing the same from Samuel Fogle. Here Mr. Pickel has made many valuable improvements, and now owns one of the best farms in this locality.

In February, 1860, in the Presbyterian parsonage, in Bart township, Jacob Pickel married Mary E. Smith, and the children born to this union are: Esther M., who graduated from Millersville State Normal School in 1892, married William P. Hoar, a lumber merchant of California; Leonard C., who married Cora Wise, daughter of Jacob Wise, has one child, and is a farmer in Chester county; Mary F., who married William Virtue, a farmer of Sadsbury township, has two children: Leeta M., is a music teacher, at home; and Emma R. is at home.

Mrs. Pickel was born in Paradise township July 6, 1848, a daughter of Stewart and Mary A. (Worth) Smith, both of Chester county. Shortly after their marriage they settled in Paradise township, where they became farmers, and there he died in 1885, at the age of seventy-six years, her death also being in April, 1885, at the age of sixty-four years. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and both were buried in the cemetery at Octoraro. Their children were: Susannah, the widow of Jesse Pickel, of Chester county; Hester, the widow of Lewis Pickel, of Sadsbury township; Emma, who married Miller Mendenhall, of Bart township; Robert, of Sadsbury township; Miller, deceased; Phoebe, who married Aaron Harnish, of Chester county; Joseph, of Philadelphia; and Mary E., Mrs. Jacob Pickel.

Mr. Pickel is a leading member of the M. E. Church in this locality, and has long been prominently identified with the Republican party. His upright dealing and kind neighborliness have made him many friends in the township, and he is much respected.

**DAVID HUBER.** In its farming community is found the bone and sinew of a State's prosperity. Questionable is it if any other profession is so well represented in the legislative bodies of the State, and her prominence in the Union is gauged not by her population, but by the value of her agricultural products. In Lancaster county are located a number of old and wealthy agricultural families who have for many years done worthy service in placing their section favorably before the country, and among these is the Huber family, well and favorably known all through the county.

Henry Huber, the grandfather of David Huber,

of whom this biography is written, was reared on Beaver Creek, south of Strasburg, where he owned and operated a large property. He spent his whole life there, engaged in its improvement. His wife was Ann Herr, a granddaughter of Rev. Christian Herr, who came from Switzerland in 1709, with his father, Hans Herr. Henry and Ann (Herr) Huber had a family of nine children: Henry, John, David, Christian, Jacob, Abraham, Fannie (who married John Rush), Ann (who married Jacob Herr), and Maria (who died single). The mother of this family lived a long and eventful life, her birth taking place far back in the 18th century, and her experiences being those of early pioneer days. For seventy years she was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, and was noted for her Christian piety. At the age of ninety-two she passed away, leaving behind her an example worthy to be emulated by her descendants.

Henry Huber, the eldest child of this family, was born near Strasburg in 1773, and his death occurred in 1849. Early in his business life he engaged in teaming, his route being between Wilmington and Philadelphia to other points of more or less distance, as at that time the most of the transportation had to be accomplished in this way, but previous to his marriage he located on a farm in Lampeter township, consisting of 120 acres, which belonged to his mother. There he made many valuable improvements in the way of fences, planting of orchards, draining and the erection of commodious and suitable buildings, and as this property later came into his possession, he remained upon it until his removal to the fine estate now owned by David Huber, this location taking place in 1822. This fine property was originally owned by Hans Herr, and descended in line to the son, Rev. Christian Herr, and ever since has been in the family, with the exception of a few years, when it was owned by the Withers family. The father of David Huber purchased and restored it to the family. Henry Huber lived upon this place until the time of his decease, a quiet, domestic man, at peace with his neighbors, and a worthy member of the Mennonite Church.

Henry Huber married Veronica Buckwalter, of near Muddy Creek, Lancaster county, and her life extended over seventy-six years, filled with good deeds. She was also a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Mary, deceased, married David Hess, a deacon in the Mennonite Church; Susan, deceased, married Peter Huber; Christian became an extensive farmer on the place in West Lampeter township, on which his father had settled, and is now deceased; Ann, deceased, married Nathaniel Harnish; Fannie, deceased, married Jonathan Stauffer; Elizabeth, deceased, married first John Harnish, and second, Adam Gochnauer; Maria, deceased, married Samuel Burkholder; and David.

David Huber was born Sept. 4, 1822, and was reared on the farm which he now occupies, receiving





his education in the public schools of his locality. As his father was the owner of large properties, young Huber found sufficient work to engage his attention as soon as he had finished his school days, and in the course of time came into possession of the home farm of seventy-five acres, which he has managed, since proving himself to be one of the successful agriculturists of the county. In connection with this estate, David Huber also owns other valuable property, both in this county and in some of the Western States. A man of recognized probity, he has been entrusted with the management of many estates and has administered them with judgment and justice. By the rectitude of his life he has won the confidence and esteem of all, being called upon to identify himself with some of the most important public interests of the place. For many years he was a business leader, for twenty years was a director in the Lancaster County Bank, in which he is also a stockholder, and was one of the promoters of the Southern Market House.

David Huber has twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Good, a daughter of Christian Good, of Pequea township, and three children were born of this union: Frank, who is an extensive farmer and stockraiser in Missouri, located twenty miles south of Kansas City, near Belton, in Cass county; Catherine, who married Amos Good, of West Lampeter township; and one that died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1848. The second marriage of David Huber was to Maria McCartney, a daughter of John McCartney, of Pequea township, and to this union four children were born: Amos, an extensive farmer of Cass county, Mo.; John, who resides at home, engaged in the tobacco packing business, and who is one of the directors in the Southern Market House of Lancaster city; Mary, who married Martin Hess, of Pequea township; and David H., a farmer of West Lampeter township, and a member of the school board. For many years David Huber has been a member of the Mennonite Church, and is one of its most esteemed and consistent attendants. Although advanced in years, he is still possessed of much of the keen business ability of youth, and is quite capable of attending to the business which his large property entails. The family is one of honor and respectability in Lancaster county.

**JAMES P. MARSH**, a general merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Gap, Pa., was born in this town Oct. 22, 1846, son of Jehu and Rosanna Marsh, more extended notice of the family being found elsewhere.

Mr. Marsh was reared in his native village and acquired his education in the district schools. He early manifested an inclination for a business life, and began his successful career in the capacity of clerk in the employ of Coates & Thomas Marsh. In 1869 he went to Smyrna, in Sadsbury township, where he was engaged in clerking, when he was ap-

pointed postmaster by President Johnson. In 1873 he left Smyrna and spent one year as a farmer in Sadsbury township, and then became traveling representative for R. J. Houston. On year later he returned to his clerical work, in the employ of the Nickel Mine store, which was then under the management of Hon. Milton Heidelberg, in which situation he continued for three years. He then was engaged on the mine farm for a period of eight months, when he took charge of Esquire Frees' store which was located in Georgetown, Pa. In 1878 after this varied experience, Mr. Marsh returned to Gap, and in partnership with his father, engaged in a general mercantile business, and since the death of his father has operated it alone.

Since assuming sole charge of this business, Mr. Marsh has enlarged its original scope and proportions fully one-half, and now carries a large and varied stock, second to none in quantity or quality, in this locality. Under the first administration of President Cleveland, Mr. Marsh was postmaster at Gap, having been a staunch Democrat at that time. With many others of his political faith, he changed his views when Bryan was the nominee for President, and cast his vote for the late President McKinley. For a long period Mr. Marsh was a leading member of the Old Democracy in this locality, and very often was sent as a delegate to the county and State conventions. Mr. Marsh is a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church, to which his whole family belongs, and he is a leader in all public movements looking to the advancement of his town.

Mr. Marsh was married (first) in 1871, in Sadsbury township, to Miss Julia Rockey, and two daughters, Anna and Ida, born to this union, both died in infancy. Julia (Rockey) Marsh was born in Sadsbury township, a daughter of Leonard Rockey, a farmer in the township, and she died in 1875, at the age of twenty-five. The second marriage of Mr. Marsh occurred Sept. 5, 1876, in Bart township, when Miss Sally L. Johnson became his wife. She was born near Oxford, Chester county, Aug. 3, 1854, daughter of William and Mary (Speakman) Johnson, the former of whom was a wheelwright by trade and a resident of Chester county all his life; there he died Feb. 20, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years. The death of the mother of Mrs. Marsh occurred in 1893, when she was aged sixty-two years, and both parents were interred in the cemetery connected with the Union Methodist Church at Nottingham, of which they were members. Their children were as follows: Rev. Charles B., who is a minister located at Strasburg; Mary A., who married Frank Thompson, a farmer near Des Moines, Iowa; William B., who resides at Andrews Bridge, in Lancaster county; Harry, who is the foreman of the Pullman Car shops at Wilmington, Del.; Harvey, who is a carpenter in Philadelphia; and Frank, who is a carpenter in Strasburg; Mrs. Marsh being the second of the family. Her paternal grandparents were James and Jane (Alexander) Johnson, natives





of England who came to America and lived out their lives in Chester county, engaged in farming. The maternal grandparents were Joshua B. and Sarah (Mablan) Speakman, who were English Quakers who settled for life in Chester county. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have all been spared to them, and are as follows: Alice F., who acceptably taught school for one year, and is now in her father's store; Mary A., who has graduated with high honors at Millersville, and has been a successful teacher for the past four years; and Mabel E., James G. C., Frances F. and Sarah H., all remaining at home. Socially the family is prominent, and all number a wide circle of friends.

HENRY C. MILLER, of Rohrerstown, is one of the leading business men of his section of Lancaster county. He was born March 2, 1850, in East Hempfield township, this county, son of Andrew Miller, and grandson of Henry Miller.

Henry Miller was a land owner in Lancaster county, where he was born and where he spent his entire life. He was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, and all who knew him respected him for the faith which he so earnestly upheld. He married a Miss Shenck, and to them were born six children: Andrew, Henry, John, Jacob, Adeline and Anna. The last named married Philip Hottenstein, now deceased.

Andrew Miller was born in East Hempfield township in 1812, and received a practical education in the public schools. Like his father, he followed agricultural pursuits, owning a valuable tract of 200 acres. In politics he was a Republican after the formation of that party, and loyal to its principles, but he never sought office, content to use his influence in a quiet way. Mr. Miller married Susan Greider, daughter of Jacob Greider, a farmer of East Hempfield township, and to this union came seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Phares, Adeline, Clara, Annie, Andrew and Henry C. The father died March 28, 1861, and was followed to the better land by his good wife in July, 1892, when she was in her sixty-sixth year. Mrs. Miller was also a member of the Mennonite Church.

Henry C. Miller was reared on his father's farm, where he received a thorough training to agricultural work in all its branches. During his boyhood he attended the local school. On starting out for himself he engaged in farming, carrying on a good sized place until 1885, when he purchased a gristmill in the township. In 1880 he took up the business of a coal and feed merchant, succeeding Jacob Mauk in this line. Mr. Miller still continues in both enterprises, having from the start met with success which exceeded his highest expectations. The business has doubled within the last ten years, and is still on the increase. All this has been brought about by Mr. Miller's unflinching desire to please his patrons, to deal honorably with all, and to retain the esteem of those with whom he is associated, whether in com-

mercial or private life. His business interests have naturally received the greater share of his attention, but though he has given up the active work of farming, he still owns forty-two acres of fine land. The busiest citizens of a community, those who come in daily contact with every phase of its life, know best the public needs and are most concerned in the general progress. Mr. Miller is no exception to this, and he has ever taken a deep interest in the advancement of his town and county. Though not an office seeker, he has consented to serve as township auditor, which incumbency he has filled, it is scarcely necessary to say, satisfactorily, for the past ten years. In political opinion he is still a strong Republican.

On Nov. 9, 1875, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elenora Binkley, daughter of William Binkley, of East Hempfield township, now deceased. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Alice B., who in 1898 became the wife of W. Scott Bushong; they have one child, Blanch. Mr. and Mrs. Bushong occupy a fine residence erected by Mr. Miller, with whom he is associated in business, as clerk and part owner.

JOHN M. WADE presents in his own life an illustration of the value of natural intelligence, grit and honorable and persistent effort.

John Wade, his father, was born in the North of Ireland, but came to the United States when a young man, landing in Philadelphia, and eventually settling in Butler county, where he entered into the life of a farmer.

John M. Wade was born July 20, 1861, and he acquired his education in the neighboring schools. When he was thirteen years of age he went to Parker City, in the oil regions, there securing employment with a furniture dealer and undertaker. At the age of seventeen he came back to Butler county, and attended the district school for two winters, and for a time he attended the North Washington Academy, later engaging as a teacher. He attended Curry University and Union Business College, Pittsburg, Pa., where he took two courses, and then engaged in teaching in Michigan. His schooling was finally completed at the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Indiana, sustaining himself by teaching and tutoring among the students there attending, until he could graduate. This occurred in 1884, and for five years after he was a teacher in a business college at Wilmington, Del. From there Mr. Wade went to Wilkesbarre, where he purchased a half interest in a business college, which he held for a year, and then selling it, located in Lebanon, where in July, 1895, he established the Pennsylvania Business College, and in June of the following year the College was removed to Lancaster, and located in the Esheleman Law Building. At once the College sprang into prosperity, and its increased patronage demanded a more commodious location in the Frey Building, Nos. 2 and 3 East King street, whither it was re-



moved in the early part of 1869. By the following spring the school demanded the use of the entire second, third and fourth floors of that great building, and there, ending with July, 1900, one hundred and seventy-five young men and women were graduated in the studies of bookkeeping, commercial law, stenography, and similar work usually done in a first-class college, in less than twelve months. This college practically never closes, but is in continuous session the entire year. Mr. Wade is assisted in his work by his two brothers, William J. and Robert M. Wade, the first, a thorough teacher of all commercial branches, and the latter an expert in shorthand. In addition to the above, able assistants are engaged in each department. The yearly enrollment is about one thousand. The Pennsylvania Business College has proved a blessing, and hundreds of young men are prospering to-day through its instruction.

Mr. Wade is an active member of St. Andrews Reformed Church, where he serves as an elder. In all that he undertakes to do he is conscientious and thorough. Aside from his school business he is accomplished and skilled in a number of lines of work; and he is the author of valuable text-books on commercial subjects which he publishes. Mr. Wade's knowledge is largely of the self-acquired kind, and very practical and serviceable. His versatility is due to continuity of effort.

ISRAEL P. MAYER, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Sycamore Hotel," of Landisville, Pa., has been one of the main factors in the progress and development of his section. He was born on a farm situated one mile from Rohrerstown, Lancaster county, Feb. 25, 1850, son of Henry and Anna (Hoeigen) Mayer, both of whom were natives of this county, and both of whom have passed from life.

Jacob Mayer, his grandfather, was a native also of this county, and was a prominent and successful farmer of his time.

Henry Mayer, son of Jacob, and father of Israel P., was for a number of years a laborer, becoming a section boss for the Pennsylvania railroad. He was also an auctioneer, and in his later years retired to a farm, passing his last days thereon, and dying when about seventy-one years of age. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-seven. They had a family of fourteen children: Emanuel, deceased; Eliza, deceased, first married John Rudisell, and second, Isaac Hurtz; Jacob, deceased; Maria, the wife of Jacob Gerbach, of Lancaster; Christian, of Lancaster; Henry, deceased; Abraham, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Sarah Ann, who died unmarried; John, of Trinidad, Colo.; Israel P., of this sketch; Annie, a Mrs. Smith, of Indianapolis; Samuel, of Indianapolis; Emma, the wife of John Lichty, of Columbia; and Sally, deceased.

Israel P. Mayer was educated in the public schools of his township, and at the age of eighteen

years learned the carpenter trade with William Bowers, at Landisville, and entered the employ of Israel Brinkheiser of the same place, remaining three years, and later worked with John D. Boering for one year. Mr. Mayer then moved to the country and purchased a farm, continuing in its operation for three or four years, and working in the meantime at his trade. Mr. Mayer then moved to Lancaster, and there, after one year of journeyman work, began contracting and building, following this for a period of eighteen years, becoming the heaviest contractor in Lancaster City. Specimens of his handiwork and skill can be found all over the city, some of the notable buildings erected by him being: the Lancaster Hotel, the Northern Market, the First M. E. Church, the West Chestnut street school, the Western M. E. Church, Rathvan & Sons establishment on North Duke street, the residence of Henry Cochrane, of James and David Rose, on West Chestnut street, of Henry Rathborn, the row for Myers & Rathborn on East Chestnut, the Lancaster Planing mill, houses on West James street, the Green stone row, on North Duke street, the famous Northern Hotel, and many others that might be cited, among these being a large warehouse on North Queen street, also Jacob Shirk's warehouse, this being the first warehouse erected in Lancaster City which has remained solid on account of its proper construction. Other builders have since followed Mr. Mayer's plans.

Mr. Mayer was the first man to lay cement pavement in Lancaster and he was the principal factor in securing the northern end sewer system for the city. His business operations amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly, while the value of his work in building up the permanent improvements can not be computed. His employes numbered fifty men at times, and he became one of the heaviest taxpayers in the city. Always a man of public spirit, in 1884, Mr. Mayer accepted an election to the city council and served as a capable member of the board for several terms, declining a last election. In 1896 he removed to Bamford, and there was engaged for a time in the mercantile business and was the means of having a postoffice established at that point. Mrs. Mayer being the first postmistress. Two years later Mr. Mayer removed to Landisville, and took charge of the "Sycamore Hotel," becoming one of the most popular hotel keepers in this section. His wide acquaintance through the county and also through the State attracts to his hostelry all of the traveling public in this section, and in this well appointed and modern inn both friend and stranger are hospitably entertained.

In 1871 Mr. Mayer wedded Elizabeth Dietrich, the estimable daughter of Saul Dietrich, and to this marriage was born one daughter, Annie E., who has been thoroughly educated, and who resides at home. Few men in this locality have displayed more energy and ability than has Isaac P. Mayer. His business tact and judgment have been only equaled by his public-spirit, and many sections have had cause to





feel grateful not only for his progressive ideas, but also for the ability which he showed in carrying them out for the benefit of the public. Mr. Mayer is peculiarly well qualified for the position he now holds, his genial personality and true hospitality making his house one of the favorite resting places for a large part of the traveling public.

JOHN L. GROFF, of Strasburg borough, is one of the leading and representative citizens and belongs to an old and prominent family of Lancaster county.

John L. Groff was born in the old Groff homestead March 12, 1847, a son of Emanuel Groff, and was reared on the farm, early becoming skilled in agricultural labor. His education was pursued in the common schools of the district, and at the age of twenty-four he took charge of his father's farm, conducting it on shares for a period of eighteen years, and then purchased it. This most valuable property has been under his care for thirty years, and contains 112 acres of some of the best land in the county. In 1900 he removed into Strasburg, where he erected a fine, modern residence, which is probably just as complete as any in the town, being equipped with electric lights, and hot air heating, in combination with all improvements which are designed to make life comfortable.

On Nov. 10, 1870, John L. Groff was married to Barbara Leaman, a daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Denlinger) Leaman, who was born Feb. 21, 1851, in East Lampeter township, and one son, Aaron L., born April 7, 1873, blessed this union. Aaron L. married Lizzie Groff, and they reside in Leacock township, where he is a successful farmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Groff are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and the family is one of the most highly respected in the community.

JOHN R. FRANTZ, junior member of the milling firm of Frantz & Son, of Millersville, is a worthy representative of an honored old family which has been identified with the business interests of this county for over a century.

Jacob Frantz, his great-grandfather, when a young man, about 1815, purchased property near Leaman Place, east of Lancaster, consisting of a farm of 200 acres and a flouring mill, for which he paid \$40,000. Locating here, he devoted the remainder of his life to the operating of his farm and mill, and being a keen, shrewd business man he accumulated much wealth. He was one of the leading and influential citizens of the county, and an active worker in the Mennonite Church. He died in 1840, at the age of seventy years, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Hershey, died at the age of ninety-five. Of the children born to them two died in early childhood. The others were as follows: (1) Jacob received the mill property and eighty acres of the home farm, where he remained throughout life, dying there at the age of seventy years. He

operated the mill and was often called upon to settle estates for his neighbors. He married but had no children. (2) Joseph is mentioned below. (3) Annie married Sem Eby, now deceased, and she died at the age of over eighty years. (4) Henry secured a part of the old homestead, where he followed farming for a time, but finally sold out and moved to Baltimore county, Md. He spent his last years, however, in Rock Island, Illinois.

Joseph Frantz, grandfather of John R., was born near Lititz, Lancaster county, Nov. 1, 1807, and died Aug. 25, 1897. After his marriage he located in East Earl township, where he purchased 113 acres of land and engaged in farming, but finally sold that property and bought eighty-seven acres of land and a mill in Salisbury township. He added to the farm sixteen acres, and operated the mill three years, after which he lived a retired life, while one of his sons conducted the farm until it was sold in 1890. He was a Mennonite in religious belief, was a man of good business ability, and was called upon to settle a large number of estates. He was twice married, his first wife being Annie Martin, his second Barbara Kreider, also deceased. In his family were twelve children, seven of whom reached mature years, three of these by the first marriage, and four by the second. They were David, father of John R.; Jacob, who died at the age of nineteen years; Elizabeth; Hettie, wife of John Brackbill, of Soudersburg; Joseph, who is director of the poor of Lancaster county, and a retired resident of Soudersburg; Ezra, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and a resident of Harrisburg; and Barbara, deceased wife of Adam Eby.

David Frantz, senior member of the milling firm of Frantz & Son, of Millersville, was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Dec. 9, 1830, and there grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the public schools of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty he commenced learning the miller's trade at the Brook Mill, in East Earl township, with David Martin, where he spent two years, and then assisted his father in the operations of the farm until he was married in 1863. Later he rented a farm at Goodville four years, and one in Salisbury township seven years, after which he had charge of his father's mill for twenty-six years, or until 1900, giving his whole attention to the milling business. With his son John R. he then leased the Groff Mill, or what is more familiarly known as the Normal Mill, at Millersville, which they are now successfully conducting. Since boyhood he has been an active and consistent member of the Mennonite Church, and while a resident of East Earl township served as a member of the school board. He married Maria Rohrer, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Landis) Rohrer, and by this union five children have been born: Ida; John R.; Jacob, a miller of Fairton, N. J.; Anna E., who has been teaching in the public schools of Lancaster county since 1897; and Benjamin, who died at the age of seven years, five months and twenty-five days.



John R. Frantz, whose name introduces this review, was born May 24, 1865, in Goodville, but was only two years old when the family moved to Salisbury township, where he was reared and educated. On account of his father being a miller he early became familiar with that business, assisting him in his labors until he started out in life for himself. In 1880 he entered the mill of Michael Moore at Columbia, as assistant, but as the position was not congenial, remained there only a short time, and in 1890 commenced working in the mill of E. E. Hunsecker, with whom he remained three years. During the following three years he was assistant miller for Levan & Sons in Lancaster township, and for two years had charge of the plant as head miller. In 1898 Mr. Frantz leased the John D. Myer's mill at New Danville, a custom and merchants' flouring mill, which he conducted until 1900. On April 7th, of that year, he formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of Frantz & Son, and leased the Normal Roller Mills, of Millersville, which is also a custom and merchant mill with a capacity of 100 barrels. In this undertaking they are meeting with well-deserved success, for they are thorough millers and capable, enterprising business men.

On Aug. 15, 1880, John R. Frantz was united in marriage with Annie S. Eby, a daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie (Hoover) Eby, and to them have been born six children, namely: Ira E., Roy E., Eva Amanda, Marie Elizabeth, Lillie May and Willis E. The family are members of the Mennonite Church, and Mr. Frantz is a staunch Republican in politics.

**GEORGE HIBSHMAN.** In the northeastern portion of Lancaster county but few family names date farther back in the settlement thereof, and none that has been connected with it is more of historic interest than the name of Hibshman, of which George Hibshman is a proud and worthy representative—proud in knowing that his ancestors served the State and nation prominently and ably in both civil and military capacities in the early days of our country's history.

John Gerhard Hibshman, the founder of the family in America, was a native of Switzerland, and left the land of his birth in 1732, at the age of nineteen. Five years afterward he returned to his native land for his wife, returning with her to America Sept. 24, 1737, in the ship "Saint Andrew," which sailed on that date from Rotterdam, Holland, bound for New York. Upon landing in the New World, where he was to make for himself and family a home, he came to Lancaster county, and, allured by the natural beauty of the country and the richness of the soil, he purchased the tract of land which is now the farm of Israel Miller, four miles north of the borough of Ephrata, and thereon made his home. He and his wife were blessed with four children, viz.: Wendel is mentioned below; Henry married and moved to Lebanon county, Pa.; Catharine married an Albrecht,

and moved to Selins Grove, Pa.; Elizabeth married Conrad Mentzer.

Wendel Hibshman became the owner of the farm upon the death of his father. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Heiley, who were also among the early settlers of Ephrata township. The farm owned by John Heiley passed to his daughter, Mrs. Hibshman, and from her to her son Jacob, through whose son John it descended to George. To Wendel and Hannah Hibshman were borne five children, viz.: Jacob, Henry, John, Hannah and Mary. Wendel Hibshman was a man of marked ability, and naturally became a leader among the people of eastern Pennsylvania. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he espoused the cause of the Colonies, and as major of the 3d Battalion of Pennsylvania troops did good service in the war which ended in the formation of the Republic. After his marriage he became the owner of the farm which had belonged to his wife's family, but on the farm he first bought he passed the remainder of his days, an honored and influential citizen of the commonwealth whose soldiers he had commanded in the struggle for independence. He and his wife were both interred in the family burying-ground on the home farm.

Jacob Hibshman, eldest son of Wendel, became a man of prominence, and added luster to the family name. At an early age he entered the field of politics as a Jeffersonian Democrat, and for years wielded an influence second to none in his part of the State. He was a scrivener, and for many years a justice of the peace. He was a distinguished member of the XVth Congress, having defeated James Buchanan, afterward President of the United States, in the Congressional election of 1820. At one period he was surveyor general of his district, which was composed of the counties of Lancaster, York and Dauphin, and was twelve years associate judge of the Lancaster county court. In 1824, when Gen. LaFayette visited the United States, Mr. Hibshman, then a member of Congress, was chairman of the committee appointed by the citizens of Lancaster county to receive and entertain him, and had the honor of introducing the distinguished Frenchman to the people who met to do him honor. Mr. Hibshman was also prominent in the military affairs of his State, and reached the rank of brigadier general. He married Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, daughter of Thomas and Saloma Atkinson, who bore him the following children: Polly, Lydia, Edward, Jacob, Elizabeth, Amelia and John. Jacob Hibshman inherited the home farm which is now owned by his grandson, George Hibshman, and on which he died May 19, 1852. He was a man of noble qualities and upright character, and passed away honored and esteemed by a wide circle of friends and fellow citizens. His wife's death took place May 4, 1811, and both sleep their last sleep in the Hibshman family burying-ground.

Henry Hibshman, a younger son of Wendel Hibshman, was also a man of prominence in his day





and generation, and held offices of honor and trust in his native State, the most important of which was that of member of the State Legislature. Like his brother, Jacob, he took an active interest in the State militia for many years, and retired from its service with the rank of general. He married Miss Catharina Miller, who bore him two children: Wendel and Elanira. For his second wife he married Hanna Sweitzer, and their children were Lewis Harrison and Mary.

John Hibshman, son of Gen. Jacob, and father of George, was born on the home farm March 7, 1807, and grew to manhood there. His education, like that of all farmers' sons of the time, was obtained in the district school of his neighborhood, and was deemed sufficient to fit him for the avocation marked out for him, that of tiller of the soil, which he followed and honored through a long and well spent life. In time he became the owner of the Hibshman homestead, which he successfully managed, and which at his death, Oct. 14, 1871, became by purchase the property of his son George. In early life he was a Whig in political belief, and when the Republican party sprang into life under the oaks near the city of Jackson, Mich., he became, and until his death remained, a staunch member thereof. But although he was always active in the support of his party and its principles, he was not an office seeker, but was content to be a private in its ranks. In March, 1838, Mr. Hibshman was joined in marriage to Miss Magdalena Shirk, who was born Aug. 4, 1813, daughter of John and Annie (Eberly) Shirk, residents of West Cocalico township, where they were well-to-do and prominent agriculturists. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shirk were Magdalena, Leah and Michael. Mrs. Hibshman passed from earth June 18, 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. John Hibshman were born eight children, as follows: Annie, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. D. Rhine Hertz, of Ephrata; Jacob, deceased; John (deceased), who married Hannah Boyer, and had five children, all of whom died in infancy except Harry, the present cashier of the Ephrata National Bank; Henry, deceased; Isaac, deceased; George, mentioned below; and Amelia, who married J. Craig, of Chester, Pa. In the family cemetery on the farm where he was born, and where all his life was spent, John Hibshman and his wife Magdalena are sleeping the sleep that knows no waking until the dawn of the resurrection morning.

George Hibshman, like his father and grandfather before him, was born on the farm of his ancestors, which is now his own. Like them, he grew to manhood thereon, and obtained his education in the district schools, and he too selected as his vocation the life of a farmer, having been content to till in an intelligent and successful way the beautiful farm any man might be proud to own. Year by year he adds to his wealth, and the beauty and comforts of his surroundings, thus setting an example some of the sons of his farmer neighbors will surely follow. In

politics he is a Republican, and one as to whose position there is never any questioning, and who sees no shame in being called stalwart. He is active in the interests of his party, but has no time to seek and no desire to hold public office. He is a member of the Republican township committee, and was a delegate to the Republican State convention held in Harrisburg in June, 1902.

On Dec. 3, 1874, Mr. Hibshman married Miss Mary Kratz, who was born Oct. 18, 1852, daughter of David and Mary (Bear) Kratz. Their union has been blessed with two children: Alice, born Sept. 16, 1884, who died June 27, 1897; and Edward, born Sept. 9, 1887.

David and Mary (Bear) Kratz were natives of Bucks county and Bareville, Leacock township, Lancaster county, respectively. Mr. Kratz was born Aug. 12, 1824, and died June 27, 1892. Mrs. Kratz was born July 27, 1826, and resides in Ephrata, in the home which has been hers for thirty-five years.

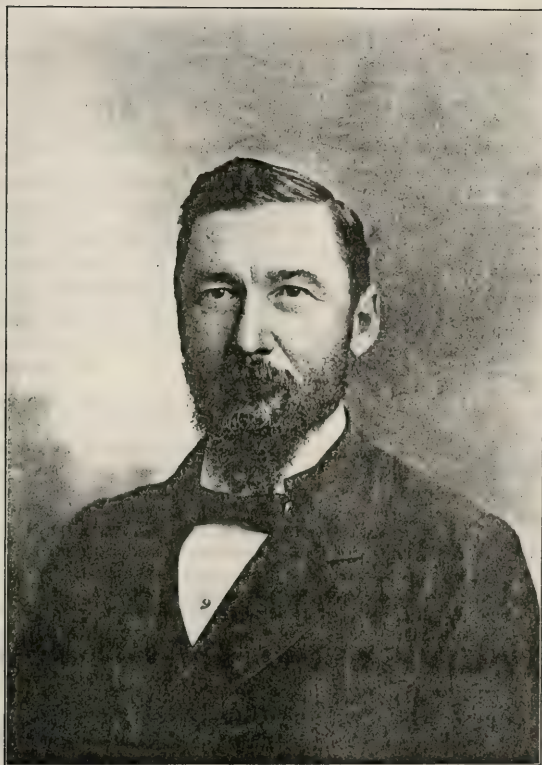
HON. HENRY K. BLOUGH, M. D., prominent in the professional, political and social circles of Elizabethtown, is a native of South Hanover township, Dauphin Co., Pa., born Dec. 20, 1844, son of George and Mary (Keller) Blough, natives of New York State and Dauphin county, respectively.

George Blough accompanied his parents to Dauphin county, Pa., shortly before his marriage. He was a bricklayer and stonemason by trade, and followed these callings all his life. He married Mary Keller, who was born in 1823, a daughter of Michael Keller, a farmer of Lancaster county, Pa., who died in Dauphin county at the age of seventy-four. Of the children born to this union, Sarah is unmarried and at home; David H. is a stock dealer and farmer of Dauphin county; Lion, Henry K. is mentioned below. The parents were both faithful members of the United Brethren Church.

Henry K. Blough was educated in the public schools and at Palmyra Academy. In early manhood he learned the miller's trade, and followed it from the age of fifteen years—the time of his leaving home. At the age of twenty-three he began reading medicine under the direction of an uncle, Dr. D. C. Keller, of Union Deposit. By 1870 he had finished his medical studies, graduating from the University of Philadelphia, and began the active practice of that profession in Bachmanville, where he remained until 1872, at which time he located in Elizabethtown, his present home. He has been eminently successful in practice, and by his careful treatment of the afflicted, his kindly, sympathetic nature, and his ever bright and cheery manner, has won hosts of friends. He has found success not only in the professional world, but has taken an active part in the advancement of the material welfare of his town. In 1887 he helped to organize the Elizabethtown Exchange Bank, and has since continued as one of its directors. He is also president of the Elizabethtown Water Company, having served as







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such since its organization in 1897, and president of the Elizabethtown branch of the Lebanon Building & Loan Association, he having been one of the first to offer inducements for the establishment of such a branch.

In municipal affairs the Doctor has played a prominent part. For twenty-four years he has been a school director, and in 1891 and 1892 he served as a representative from his district to the State Legislature, of which he is also a member at present, having been again elected in 1902. Politically he has for years been an enthusiastic worker in the ranks of the Republican party. Socially he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M., while professionally he is identified with the city and county medical societies. He has also served on the staff of the Lancaster County Hospital. The Doctor is a great lover of fine horses, and is the owner of several, whose pedigrees entitle them to great consideration.

On Sept. 14, 1869, Dr. Blough was united in marriage with Elizabeth Shank, of Annville, Lebanon county, who was born in 1850, a daughter of Abraham and Leah (Moyer) Shank, both now deceased. Two children blessed their union: Albert S., a graduate of the Philadelphia Medico Chirurgical Institute; and Jennie, wife of Dr. D. Frank Kline, a prominent physician of Lancaster. Dr. Blough is an extremely popular man, and is held in high estimation for his upright life.

**JACOB B. BRUBAKER**, a general farmer in East Donegal township, was born in Rapho township May 7, 1857, son of Andrew and Mary (Brubaker) Brubaker, of the same township.

Andrew Brubaker was born Sept. 20, 1832, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Strickler) Brubaker, residents of Rapho township, where the former was engaged in farming all his life. Andrew Brubaker was a farmer and a man of considerable importance in the community in which his industrious and well-ordered life was passed, and where he served six years as school director. He died June 17, 1892, in East Donegal township, and was buried in the Cross Roads cemetery, a well known burial place in that township. He married Mary Brubaker, who was born June 6, 1836, daughter of Benjamin and Maria (Lehman) Brubaker, farming people of Rapho township. She is now living in Mt. Joy, Pa. To Andrew and Mary Brubaker were born: Elizabeth, who married Peter Graybill, supervisor of Mt. Joy township, and a resident of Florin; Mary, who is at home with her mother; Jacob B.; William B., a professor in a polytechnic college in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Harvey B., in the United States Postal Service, at Florin. Benjamin Brubaker, father of Mrs. Mary Brubaker, married for his second wife Mary Landis, of York county.

On Nov. 13, 1884, Jacob B. Brubaker and Barbara Felker were married in East Donegal township, and to this union were born: Frances K., now deceased; Simon, deceased; and William, Amos, Ja-

cob B. and Mary, all of whom are at home. Mrs. Barbara (Felker) Brubaker was born in Rapho township, Nov. 6, 1863, daughter of Philip and Fanny (Kaufman) Felker, who were born in Rapho and Manor townships, respectively. Philip Felker was a farmer in East Donegal township, where he died Feb. 12, 1899, and his remains were buried in the Graybills Cemetery. Fanny (Kaufman) Felker, who was born in 1840, is now residing in Rapho, a faithful member of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: John and Amos, both of whom died young; Barbara; Amanda, who married J. K. Layman, a drover in Mt. Joy township; Abraham, a farmer in East Donegal township, Elizabeth, who married Christ Rohrer, a farmer in Rapho; Marv, of Lancaster; Philip, a school teacher in Mt. Joy; Frances, deceased; Anna, who is living in Elizabethtown; Samuel, a day laborer in Mt. Joy township; and Catherine, who is living with her mother. Both the Felkers and the Kaufmans were all residents of Lancaster county.

Jacob B. Brubaker remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he worked for the neighboring farmers until 1894. That year he purchased the farm on which he is now residing, where he has achieved a decided success in his agricultural labors. He is a thrifty and energetic farmer, with a good place and a reputation for thorough and careful work. In his politics he is a staunch Republican.

**WILLIAM B. BRUBAKER**, who is mentioned above as a professor in a polytechnic school in Brooklyn, was born in the township of Rapho, March 14, 1866, where he spent his early life on the farm, and began his education in the district school. At the age of sixteen years he began a course in Millersville Academy, from which he was graduated in both branches in 1887. During this time he also attended the old Franklin and Marshall Academies. For four years he taught district school, and for eight years was a teacher in the Millersville Academy, achieving such a reputation as an instructor and a valuable all-around teacher that in September, 1899, he was taken on the teaching force of the Polytechnical Institute in Brooklyn, where he is now engaged. Prof. Brubaker thoroughly understands the work he has in hand, and is an earnest and inspiring teacher.

**CHRISTIAN KINDIG, JR.** The baptismal name of Mr. Kindig's father was Christian, and his mother's maiden name was Alice Milan. He was one of the substantial and influential citizens of Lancaster county in his day, and first saw the light in Conestoga township, on Dec. 20, 1815. His long and useful life of eighty-three years came to an end at Millersville on July 21, 1898. While he died at Millersville, his life was passed in Conestoga and Manor townships, chiefly in Conestoga. He was a successful farmer, owning 120 acres of his own, and was a prominent and influential citizen, a man of broad and enlightened public spirit, and he filled various local offices. One of the early Whigs, he cast his first





presidential vote for General William Henry Harrison, and his last for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. Mary Frantz, his wife, died in 1881, at the age of sixty-eight years. A family of nine children was born to them: E. J., Mary, Barbara, Elizabeth, Annie, Christian, Adeline, Maggie and Amanda. E. J. occupied the old homestead, and became a man of influence in public affairs. Mary married Abraham Eshleman, of Millersville. Barbara became the wife of Jacob Herr, of New Danville, in Pequea township. Elizabeth married Amos Harnish, of Lancaster. Annie married Jacob Miller, of New Danville, and is deceased. Adeline married Abraham Nissley, of South Hempfield. Maggie became the wife of the Rev. Daniel Lehman, of Manor. Amanda, the youngest of the family, is unmarried, and lives at Millersville. Christian, Jr., lives in Manor township.

Christian Kindig, Jr., was born May 15, 1848. He grew up on the old homestead in Conestoga and attended the common schools of his native town. On Dec. 12, 1871, he married Mattie L., daughter of John Hess and Elizabeth Landis, his wife, of Manheim township, who was born Oct. 2, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Kindig are the parents of six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others—Ivan H., Minnie H., Mary H., Lizzie H. and Annie H.—live at home with their parents.

After his marriage Mr. Kindig settled upon a farm of 138 acres, bought by his father in 1863, and situated one mile west of Millersville. There he still lives, although he has added to his original holdings by the purchase of seventy-five acres adjoining on the north. The land is under high cultivation, and the improvements, nearly all of which have been made by Mr. Kindig, are extensive and modern in character, such as might be made by a farmer of progressive ideas and keen, close observation. As a citizen he is broad minded and public spirited, esteemed and influential. As a husband and father he shows estimable virtue, and as a Christian his life is without reproach.

Mrs. Kindig's paternal grandparents were Christian and Barbara (Hoover) Hess. Her father, John Hess, was born May 31, 1815, and died Jan. 20, 1891. He was a man of substantial means, and a devout member of the Mennonite Church. In early life he was a farmer, but later owned and operated the Oregon mill in Manheim for nearly a quarter of a century. His marriage to Elizabeth Landis occurred Oct. 18, 1838. She was born Oct. 7, 1820, daughter of Benjamin L. Landis and Anna Lang. Mrs. Kindig was one of a large family of children: Annie, the eldest, married Peter G. Hershey, of Lancaster; Benjamin L. lives in Manheim; Barbara died while a child of four years; David L. is a resident of Manheim; Lizzie L. died in childhood; Mattie L. is Mrs. Christian Kindig. Maria L. is unmarried and lives with her mother. Fannie died in childhood, as did also an infant son. Isaac L. is a missionary in China, laboring under the direction and care of the

Christian Alliance, in the province of Quangsai, where he has been stationed since 1896. Amelia L. is a practicing physician in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hess, the mother of Mrs. Kindig, is yet living, a lovable old lady, hale and well preserved, despite her four score years of active, patient toil; her father, Benjamin Landis, died in his fifty-ninth year, while her mother lived to be nearly eighty-five.

DAVID FRANCIS MAGEE, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, enjoys the somewhat unique distinction of having practically built in Lancaster county an enterprising village—White Rock, where, he still retains extensive business interests.

James Vincent Magee, father of David Francis, was born at Kennett Square, Chester county, where he was a farmer and, following in the footsteps of his father, James Magee, a cattle dealer. Later for a few years James V. Magee kept a hotel in Wilmington, Del., afterward moving to Lynchburg, Va., where he died. He married Mary Ann Bradley, a daughter of John Bradley, who came from Ireland in 1806, settling in Phoenixville, where he became a well-known farmer and cattle dealer, and where he died in 1860. To James V. and Mary Ann (Bradley) Magee came eleven children, two of whom died in infancy and three after reaching maturity. The survivors are: Margaret, Ann, Kate and Mary, all living in Philadelphia; Laura, the wife of John Frerom, a farmer by occupation, and at present a member of the board of county commissioners of Chester county; and David Francis, of Lancaster.

David Francis Magee, familiarly known as Squire Magee, by reason of his having been justice of the peace so many years, was born in Wilmington, Del., in December, 1854, his parents removing to Virginia during his infancy. There they remained until 1868, when they came back to this State, settling in Hopewell, Chester county. Mr. Magee remained with his parents until 1880, when he removed to White Rock, Lancaster county, at that time a mere country cross roads, with one dwelling house and a small store. Mr. Magee completed his schooling in Georgetown College, but he has always been a student, and has followed out the study of political economy to such an extent that he is one of the best posted men on that subject in the State. For five years he was a school teacher, but on his removal to White Rock became an active business man, building a warehouse, a creamery, a smithy, a wagon-maker's shop and six dwelling houses. His enterprise has opened the way, and White Rock is to-day a hustling and energetic village. Mr. Magee still owns considerable property there, though living in Lancaster. For thirteen years he served as a justice of the peace, and was three times elected in a Republican district, though he was and is an uncompromising Democrat. During his long service as a justice of the peace he had fully seven hundred cases before him, and every case stood as he decided it. In 1894 Mr. Magee was nominated by the Democrats for Auditor General of



the State, and made a handsome run, speaking in almost every county in the State. Mr. Magee began reading law with Theodore K. Stubbs, but stopped only to begin reading again with J. A. Coyle, and was admitted to the Bar in 1888. Before he was eligible, on account of the time limit, he argued a case in the Supreme Court, to which he was formally admitted just as soon as the two years had expired.

Mr. Magee is a ready and fluent speaker, and challenged the prominent Republicans of the State for a discussion of the tariff question. This discussion was with many of the best-posted Republicans of the State, and extended over some twelve years. It attracted much attention and demonstrated the fact that Mr. Magee was thoroughly informed as to all matters under consideration. After being admitted to the Bar Mr. Magee retained for several years a silent partnership in all his business enterprises, including that of the White Rock Warehouse property, which he had greatly improved, and a store of considerable magnitude. He was an organizer, a director and the first counsel for the Octoraro Telephone Co., which proved a great local success.

Mr. Magee was married in 1878 to Miss Lewrainer Twaddell, a daughter of John Twaddell, a farmer of Chester county. From this union were born: Lewrainer T. and Mary T., both graduates at Emmitsburg, and now at home with their parents; D. Frank, a graduate of the Lancaster high school, and now a clerk with Reilly Brothers & Raub; James F., Helen A. and Charles Albert, all three at school.

Mr. Magee is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of this city, and is grand president of the Pennsylvania Catholic Beneficial League, whose headquarters are in Lancaster, and of which he was one of the principal organizers. Mr. Magee is quite an enthusiast in cycling, and is president of the Lancaster Cycling Club, entertaining the members annually at his country home, and going along with the "boys" when they make the run to his elegant mansion at White Rock. Although Mr. Magee tips the scales at 220 pounds he rides the wheel with more than ordinary ease, and is so much interested in the exercise that he has taken up the matter of good roads, writing a series of articles on the subject for the Lancaster press, which have since been brought together and published in book form.

**ABRAHAM H. MECKLEY**, a trusted and popular engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia, was born on a farm in Conoy township, Lancaster county, Jan. 21, 1851, the seventh of ten children born to Benjamin and Barbara (Haldeman) Meckley, the former of whom was first a farmer and then sawmill proprietor, but his latter years were passed in retired ease. He lost his wife in 1859, when she was forty-five years old, and his own death took place in 1895, at the age of seventy-five. They were members respectively of the Mennonite and United Brethren churches and the remains

of both were interred in Conoy cemetery. Their ten children were born in the following order: Jacob, who is a lumber merchant in Bainbridge, Pa.; Anna, wife of Benjamin Fink, a carpenter in Conoy; Christian, a cigarmaker in Lock Haven; Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Shenk, of Bainbridge; Barbara, with her brother in Bainbridge; Mary, who died young; Abraham H.; Benjamin and Samuel, deceased; and Martin, of Conoy.

Abraham H. Meckley assisted his father on the home farm until eighteen years old, and then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1880. He then made two trips on the railroad as brakeman, spent six years, nine months and nineteen days as fireman, and was then promoted in 1887 to engineer.

On April 13, 1884, Mr. Meckley was married, in Elizabethtown, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Goss, and to this union has been born one child, Cora. Mrs. Elizabeth Meckley was born in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, April 29, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Erb) Goss, natives respectively of Hanover, York Co., Pa., and Conoy township, Lancaster county. Their family comprised nine children, viz.: Amos, who died young; Elizabeth; Christian, school-teacher, farmer and justice of the peace in Conoy township; Joseph, in Elizabethtown; Mary, who died in infancy; Anna M., wife of David F. Gable, of Mt. Joy; Ella married to John Shireman, a farmer in Conoy; Emily, married to Harrison Brenzer, a school-teacher in Bainbridge; and Myra, wife of Joseph B. Martin, a school-teacher in Middletown, Pa. Joseph Goss, the father, was a farmer by vocation and died in Conoy township in May, 1899, aged seventy-four; and his wife, who was born in November, 1831, now resides in Elizabethtown. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Meckley were John Goss, a farmer, and Elizabeth (Haldeman) Goss, both of Lancaster county; her maternal grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Grable) Erb, who moved to Ridgeville, Conoy township, when they retired from business. Mr. Erb was a justice of the peace.

Abraham H. Meckley is a Democrat in politics, and religiously he and his wife and daughter are members of the Church of God; socially they stand very high in the esteem of their neighbors.

**REUBEN SHAUBACH**, one of the representative young men of Strasburg township, resides upon his farm one mile north of Martinsville, this county. He was born in West Lampeter township, Dec. 31, 1853, son of Andrew Shaubach, and he was brought up on a farm and educated in the common schools. Until he was thirty years old he remained assisting his father, but after marriage located in the village of Refton on a farm of 139 acres, which he rented for two years, and he then removed to the desirable place where he has since lived, and which, since it has come into his possession, has been transformed into one of the finest in this locality. The farm owned by Mr. Shaubach comprises fifty acres and upon it he





has made many improvements, erecting all of the buildings except the residence; and he has shown himself to be one of the progressive farmers who, by industry and good judgment, become the substantial men of the future. In 1898, Mr. Shaubach, in association with his brother Martin, purchased a farm of 112 acres in Providence township, and this is in charge of Martin Shaubach.

On Nov. 15, 1883, Reuben Shaubach was united in marriage with Miss Susan Barge, daughter of Wimer J. Barge, who was born in Strassburg township Dec. 25, 1849. Three children have been born to this union, Annie B., born May 6, 1885, and two sons who died at birth. The whole family are valued and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and none are more highly respected in this neighborhood.

FRANK R. FOLMER, who conducts a thriving butcher business in Columbia, is a native of Lebanon county, Pa., born Nov. 4, 1858.

John Folmer, his father, was the only son of John Folmer, Sr. Both were coachmakers by occupation. John Folmer died in 1861, in his twenty-sixth year. He married Miss Angeline Gerhart, who was third in the family of five children born to Henry H. and Sabina (Carl) Gerhart, namely: Cornelius C., a Union veteran of the Civil war, lives in Lebanon; John, who also served in the Civil war, is deceased; Milton, a resident of Lebanon, also served in the Union army during that conflict; and Sarah married Isaac Docker, and both are now deceased. Henry H. Gerhart made his home in Lebanon county, and he died in Lebanon in 1847, in his thirty-sixth year. His widow made her home with her daughter Angeline during her latter years, and died in Columbia in 1882, in her sixty-sixth year. Both were members of the Reformed Church. To John and Angeline Folmer were born three children, of whom the eldest, Phillip H., is a yardmaster in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Columbia; he married Bridget Welsh. Frank R., whose name opens this sketch, is mentioned below. John, the youngest, died in childhood. In May, 1864, Mrs. Folmer became the wife of Hugh Donnelly, who is mentioned elsewhere, and by that union had two children: Mary E., now the wife of Gordon W. Blakesley, a grocer in Lansing, Mich.; and Alex. C., who died in childhood.

Frank R. Folmer received his education in the public schools, and was but ten years old when he commenced work, being employed three summers in a brickyard. He then learned the butcher business, with C. W. Minich, with whom he continued fourteen years, at the end of that time embarking in business on his own account. He has been engaged thus up to the present time, with uninterrupted success, and has met with substantial reward, which he justly deserves. Mr. Folmer owns some valuable property, and, as a result of industry and good business methods, is now comfortably situated. In 1885 our sub-

ject was married, in Columbia, to Miss Alice M. Rupp, a native of Cumberland county, Pa. They have no children. Mr. Folmer is a Republican in politics, and fraternally unites with the I. O. O. F. In religious connection he is identified with the M. E. Church.

Daniel Rupp, father of Mrs. Folmer, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., son of George Rupp, a native of Germany, who came to this country and settled in that county, remaining there until his death. Daniel Rupp was a carriage maker by occupation. On May 27, 1855, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., he married Elizabeth Moler, who was born Oct. 8, 1836, also a native of Cumberland county, where her parents, Samuel and Rachel (Miller) Moler, passed all their lives. Mrs. Rupp now makes her home in York, Pa. She is an Adventist in religious belief. Mr. Rupp died Jan. 13, 1886, in Shiremanstown, Pa., aged fifty-four years. To this union were born children as follows: Samuel; Laura and Sarah E., both of whom died young; Benjamin H., of Lancaster; Alice M., Mrs. Folmer; Barbara A., Mrs. Charles H. Hock, of Columbia; Abraham L., Jennie E. and Emma G., all of whom died young; Lillian R., wife of Amos H. Groff, of Columbia; Maggie I., wife of Harry Cornish, of York, Pa.; Daniel E. and Idella D., both of whom died young; and Mirvin S., a resident of York, Pennsylvania.

MENNO MARTIN FRY. Among the prominent and representative citizens of Lancaster is Menno Martin Fry, who is not only the leading business man in his line in that city but is also one of the largest dealers in leaf tobacco in the State.

Mr. Fry was born at Millport, Warwick township, Sept. 3, 1854. After finishing his course in the public schools of his district he entered the State Normal school at Millersville, and so well did he improve his opportunities that he was accepted as a teacher at the age of sixteen years, and followed that profession through four terms. He then began the manufacture of cigars at Rothsville, and continued in that business for three years, removing at that time, to Lititz, enlarging his scope by adding leaf tobacco to his trade. Here he remained for the succeeding twelve years. Mr. Fry desired still larger fields of operation, and then removed to Lancaster, where in partnership with his brother, Phares W. Fry, he began trading in leaf tobacco, under the firm name of M. M. Fry & Bro. Their first location was on Market street, but the business increased to such a degree that a change was soon necessitated, and the fine warehouse at the southeast corner of Grant and Christian streets was built for their use. After four years of partnership the brothers dissolved the connection, and for a time each conducted business in the same warehouse, but it was not long before the quarters again became too contracted, this resulting in Phares Fry withdrawing to another warehouse and Menno Martin employing all of this building for his own use. How-





ever, by July, 1900, Mr. Fry found it necessary to secure a still larger building, and he completed arrangements by which he secured the Steinmetz building, at the northwest corner of Grant and Christian streets, the most complete tobacco warehouse in this section, if not, indeed, in the whole State. This building is six stories in height and has a storage capacity of 7,000 cases of tobacco. In addition to these buildings, Mr. Fry has a large warehouse at Landisville, in this county. His business is one of large proportions, consisting in selling in large quantities to the jobbers and to all of the important cigar manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Fry was married to Miss Anna Hess, the accomplished daughter of the late Capt. Hess, of Safe Harbor, who fell in battle during the Civil war, a brave young martyr to his country. No children have been born to them. In social circles both are prominent, and generous hospitality is shown in the elegant home at No. 624 West Chestnut street, Lancaster. Although an ardent Republican, Mr. Fry has never taken any very active part in politics, his large business interests requiring his close attention. For a number of years he has been a leading member of the First M. E. Church, where for six years he served as trustee, and where he is a liberal contributor to all benevolent and charitable enterprises. He is widely known and is esteemed as a man of integrity and high business principle.

**HARRY LIGHTNER TROUT**, proprietor of the leading book bindery in Lancaster, and the present clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, is a native of that city, born Oct. 28, 1853.

Mr. Trout is connected with one of the oldest and best known families in this locality, and his father, Adam Trout, is well remembered by many of the older citizens as a genial, popular man. He married Salome Lefever, who died in 1857.

Harry L. Trout received a liberal education at the public schools of Lancaster, completing his studies at the age of fifteen years. In 1870 he went to Philadelphia, for three years was there engaged in the queensware business, and then returning to Lancaster commenced a four years' apprenticeship to the trade of bookbinder, by diligence and application thoroughly mastering all the details of the business. In 1881 he commenced for his own account in the city, his first bindery being in Centre square, whence, his business having rapidly increased, he removed to more commodious quarters on North Christian street, in rear of the New Era building, and at a considerable pecuniary outlay equipped his establishment with the very latest and best appliances for efficiently carrying on a first class bindery. Mr. Trout soon established a reputation as an expert and reliable bookbinder, and he does much of the finest work for the county offices, besides enjoying patronage from all over the State, and from even far distant localities.

On Sept. 2, 1875, Harry L. Trout was married to

Miss Sarah E., daughter of Joseph Y. Colby, at one time prominently identified with the cotton mill industry in Lancaster. One child has blessed this union, Maude, now the wife of James Wesley Harvey, a lawyer of Baltimore.

In politics Mr. Trout is a stalwart Republican, and for years has been recognized as a leader in the ranks of the party. For nearly a dozen continuous years he represented the Fifth ward of Lancaster in the city council, and for three terms served as president of the Common branch; but these incumbencies he had to resign in order to take the office of clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions, to which he was elected in November, 1899, entering upon his duties Jan. 1, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout are identified with the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster. Socially he is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M. A whole-souled, generous man, with a friendly nod and a pleasant word for everybody, faithful in his friendship and open and manly in his political or other differences with men, Harry L. Trout is personally one of the strongest men in the community in which he lives.

**ELI L. NISSLEY**, a noted packer of leaf tobacco, and very successful dealer in this line of farm produce, was born on the paternal homestead in the township of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, July 11, 1862, a son of Christ H. and Barbara (Lindesmith) Nissley.

Christ H. Nissley was born on the family homestead where the Nisseleys had long lived, and he died in Florin, Pa., Sept. 12, 1894. He had operated the old Graybill mills for years, but in 1880 sold out to Levi R. Nissley, and moved to Florin. In his day he was an experienced miller and farmer, and engaged along both lines in Mt. Joy township for many years. In local and county affairs Mr. Nissley had long held a prominent position. From 1866 to 1869 he was county commissioner, county auditor for three terms, prison inspector for two terms, and school director of Mt. Joy for many years. Mrs. Barbara (Lindesmith) Nissley was born in West Donegal township, and died Jan. 12, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Graybills church. Mr. and Mrs. Nissley were the parents of the following family: Martin, who died in infancy; Mary L., who married J. G. Hershey, a farmer in the township of East Donegal (mentioned more fully elsewhere); Amanda L., who married Henry Meckly, of Mt. Joy township; Christ L., a retired farmer; Jacob, who died at the age of fourteen years; Elizabeth N., who married L. R. Nissley, of East Donegal township, where he is engaged in milling; and Eli L.

The paternal grandparents of Eli L. Nissley were Martin and Elizabeth (Hershey) Nissley, the former born on the old Nissley homestead in Mt. Joy township. Martin Nissley was a miller on the old homestead, and operated a mill of his own construction.



His death occurred after he had reached his sixty-ninth year. Mrs. Elizabeth Nissley died in 1829 at the untimely age of thirty years, and was buried in the burying ground at Graybills. They had the following family: Nancy (who is living a widow in Dauphin county, Pa.), Fanny, Barbara, Maria, Katie, Christ H. and Martin.

The maternal grandparents of Eli L. Nissley were Jacob D. and Barbara (Zeigler) Lindesmith, of West Donegal. Mr. Lindesmith was a prominent and successful farmer, and at the time of his death was worth more than \$100,000. The long life that was given him measured more than eighty years, and his wife lived four years longer. Both were buried in Boslers burying ground in West Donegal. Their children were: Martin, deceased; Martha, deceased wife of John Engle; Fanny, who married John Brenner, and is deceased; Betsy, deceased, who married John B. Meyers; Barbara, twin of Betsy; Lemuel J., deceased; and Mary, who married Jacob W. Nissley.

On Sept. 27, 1883, Eli L. Nissley was married in the township of East Hempfield, Lancaster county, to Lizzie R. Shenk, by whom he became the father of the following children: Henry Roy, Eli Jay, Christ Lloyd and Walter S. Mrs. Lizzie R. Nissley was born in Hempfield township, Sept. 29, 1863, only daughter of Henry K. and Mary (Rhodes) Shenk, who were born in Manheim and Manor townships, respectively. Henry K. Shenk is now living in East Hempfield the honored life that belongs to a farmer who has worked hard all his years and seeks rest and peace at the close of his days. Mrs. Shenk died in 1893, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery at Maytown.

Eli L. Nissley was reared on the home farm, where he remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, and then accompanied them in their removal to Mt. Joy township and to Graybills, spending three years at each location. When he was seventeen years of age he came to Florin, and six years later became engaged in the leaf tobacco business, which has continued his occupation to the present time and in which he is remarkably successful.

Mr. Nissley is a Republican, and has taken a leading position in the community. In 1901 he was elected a school director for a three years' term. In 1890 he was made a director of the First National Bank of Marietta, and his business judgment, always good, is making itself felt throughout the county. Mr. Nissley is a pushing and energetic character, bound to make progress, and is widely known as an enterprising and thoroughly reliable man.

**BENJAMIN F. BYERS.** The ancestors of the Byers family, in Lancaster county, came from a country which has given the world some notable men, and whose people, the country over, are considered among the best of American citizens.

John Byers, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and in that country he was reared and there

married, soon after emigrating to the United States and locating in Pequea township, Lancaster county. Here he purchased a large tract of land which was situated north of Baumgardner Station, and on this property was built what is known as the Byers Church, the Byers family contributing a tract for that purpose. John Byers came upon this land as a pioneer, being one of the first settlers, finding the locality unimproved, and when viewing the extraordinary change that has been made, one can not but admire and comment upon the zeal, intelligence and energy that has so successfully made of this region one of the best improved in the county. John Byers lived to advanced age in spite of the exacting life of the pioneer, and was noted for his progressive spirit and force of character, rearing a large and excellent family, many of whom located in the West, and have established family branches there.

John Byers (2), son of the pioneer, was born in 1807, and died in 1852, having been reared on the homestead in Pequea township. After his marriage he came to West Lampeter and located on a farm about one mile south-east of Willowstreet, where he bought and operated over 100 acres, and there pursued agricultural activities all his life with excellent results. He was highly esteemed, being made supervisor and for a long time serving as school director.

John Byers (2) married Kate Johnston, daughter of Abraham Johnston, of Pequea township, who died in 1879 at the age of sixty-three. They had a family of ten children: Barbara married Samuel Minney, of West Lampeter township; Henry died at the age of forty-four, unmarried; Jacob is a farmer of Quarryville, Lancaster county; Mary is the widow of Peter Sicoor; Sarah is the wife of Henry Barr, of Pequea township; John died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a wife and two children; David is a resident of Whiteside county, Ill.; Annie is the wife of John Huber, of Willowstreet; Benjamin F.; and Amaziah died in childhood.

Benjamin F. Byers was born July 16, 1853, and was reared on the home farm, attending the public school of his district, until the age of twelve. At this early age he started from home with the intention of taking care of himself, engaging in farm work by the month, and thus he continued until he was twenty-five. At this time he saw a favorable opening in the butchering business, at Lampeter, and since that time has been engaged in that line, very successfully, being both a wholesale and retail merchant. Mr. Byers has the best of facilities for his work, having erected a large slaughter house, and supplying the Lancaster City markets, as well as the country trade. Being a live business man, his future success is assured, the public having learned to repose confidence in his integrity. As a staunch Republican, he has filled a number of the local offices in the gift of the party, serving efficiently under all circumstances.

Benjamin Byers was married in 1886, to Elizabeth Eshleman, a daughter of Christian Eshleman of West Lampeter township, and three children have





been born of this union: Willis, Myrtle and Harold. This is one of the representative families of the township, and by his energy and industry, Mr. Byers has placed his business in a front rank in this part of Lancaster county.

**WILLIAM B. DETWILER.** Prominent in the really business, in Mt. Joy, Pa., and one of the most progressive and enterprising business men, is William B. Detwiler, a native of Rapho township, where he was born in 1851, a son of Joseph and Anna Detwiler. The name is one well known in financial and business circles, carrying with it the suggestion of uprightness of character, combined with sound business ability.

Mr. Detwiler remained with his parents until his marriage, and then engaged in farming on the old homestead in Rapho township, successfully operating a large farm, for fourteen years. Since that time, his residence has been in Mt. Joy, the varied and increasing interests of his father, requiring his assistance in their management. Aside from the vast amount of work entailed in successfully managing his father's estate, he is also engaged in the real estate business, for which he has shown great capacity.

The marriage of William B. Detwiler occurred in Conoy township, when Emma Hoffman, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Hoffman, of Manor township, became his bride. They now reside in Conoy township, where Mr. Hoffman is one of the most extensive farmers and tobacco merchants in that locality. They are pious and worthy people, members of the River Brethren and the Church of God, and are the parents of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler have four children.—Parthenia A., who married Dr. B. E. Wright, a dentist of Harrisburg; Joseph H., Jr.; Mabel; and Beulah.

For the past six years, Mr. Detwiler has been a member of the city council, and is one of the leading politicians in this section.

**JAY BACHMAN.** The Bachman family, of Lancaster county, possesses an old and honorable ancestry, its members having been identified with the advancement of the county since as early as 1746, when its founder in the United States located in West Lampeter township. His son, Jacob, became the grandfather of Jay Bachman, the immediate subject of this biography.

Jacob Bachman was born April 25, 1782, and died May 10, 1849, and on March 31, 1814, married Barbara Eshleman, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, eight months and three days. Jacob Bachman was a farmer, but possessed a natural aptitude for working in wood, and the family still possesses some valued examples of his cabinet work. Both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and both were of quiet, domestic habits of life. Under their roof grew up a large and intelligent family, many members of it having made homes for themselves in other States, everywhere being known as

quiet, well-ordered citizens and worthy of their name. To Jacob Bachman and wife were born: Maria, born in 1815, married William Parker and removed to Illinois, where she died, May 13, 1854; Susan, born in 1816, died single; John, born in 1818, died Sept. 15, 1894; Anna, born in 1820, married David Longenecker and removed to Maryland, where she still survives, a widow since Feb. 5, 1889; Jacob, born in 1825, married Elizabeth Eshleman, resided in Strasburg township, and died March 8, 1888; Fannie, born in 1827, married John Jameson, and in 1855 removed to Quincy, Ills., where she died in 1893; Benjamin F., born in 1829, removed to California when a young man, and spent his life in that State; and Elizabeth, born in 1832, died in infancy.

John Bachman, son of Jacob and father of Jay Bachman, was born in West Lampeter township, and when a small boy accompanied his parents in their removal to Strasburg, when location was made upon the fine farm now occupied by Jay Bachman. Here John Bachman was reared and sent to the public schools, later being given educational advantages in both select schools and an academy. About the time of his legal majority he purchased a farm in Ohio, which he cleared and worked for a period, remaining until his father's death called him home, when he returned to the homestead, and with his brother Jacob undertook the management of the estate. Until his marriage this arrangement continued, at which time he took full control and made it his home.

For many years John Bachman resided in the old homestead, engaged in farming, but when his son Jay had reached manhood he turned the farm over to him and retired from active life, remaining in the old place, however, until his days ended. For a long period John Bachman was one of the prominent, as well as one of the most substantial men of the locality, a man of more than ordinary intelligence and superior education. His services were frequently required in the settlement of estates, on account of the known probity of his character. He was one of the original directors in the Strasburg Bank, so continuing for many years.

On May 11, 1869, John Bachman was married to Lizzie B. Rohrer, daughter of Christian and Maria (Buckwalter) Rohrer, who was born Sept. 20, 1844. Four children were born to this union: Minnie, born Feb. 13, 1870, married Morris Bachman, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Jay, born Oct. 21, 1871, resides on the old homestead; Ed, born Dec. 10, 1874, died April 16, 1876; and Park, born Nov. 12, 1879, was a student of mechanical engineering at the Western University, at Pittsburg.

Jay Bachman, who is one of the most progressive young farmers of Strasburg township, and a son of John and Lizzie (Rohrer) Bachman, was reared on the farm he now occupies and which he is improving with modern buildings and stocking it with high-grade stock and cattle. His education was acquired in the excellent public schools of Lancaster county,



which he has supplemented with reading and scientific studies in relation to his agricultural and stock interests. The Bachman homestead farm contains 108 acres of some of the most valuable land in Strasburg township, located three miles southwest of Strasburg, and is one of the oldest, although the stanch old buildings, almost a century old, give no such impression. Mr. Bachman has remodeled and modernized them and put them into proper condition to accommodate his growing operations. In connection with his farming industries, he also conducts one of the best and largest dairies in the vicinity, the butter from which commands the highest market price and is in much demand.

On Oct. 5, 1898, Jay Bachman was married to Edith Musser, daughter of Dr. Harry Musser, of Lampeter, and one little son, Harry M., was born, Nov. 3, 1899. In his political affiliations Mr. Bachman is a Republican, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of Strasburg township. His respected mother resides in Strasburg, enjoying a peaceful old age, beloved and esteemed by all who know her.

**HENRY S. IMMEL**, an extensive cigar manufacturer at Mountville, Lancaster county, employing forty-three men, began business here in 1800, and has made an unequivocal success of it. He was born in Millersville, this county, Feb. 25, 1869, a son of Henry B. and Catherine (Stauffer) Immel, of Manor township, where the parents resided until 1891, when they came to Mountville. Of their ten children, Elvina died young; Henry S. is our subject; Enclinc is married to Joseph Froelich, a carpenter of Mountville; Calvin, John, Edwin, Franklin and Ida all died young; and two others died in infancy.

Henry B. Immel, father of Henry S., was born in Millersville, July 12, 1831, was a blacksmith and carriage builder, and after 1891 carried on his calling in Mountville. Henry B. was a son of John and Elizabeth (Berke) Immel, who were born and who lived and died in Manor township, the latter event occurring in Millersville. John Immel was a blacksmith by trade, and was a very popular citizen, holding many township offices in the early days. His death occurred in 1851, when he was fifty-seven years old, but the wife survived until 1873, when she died at the age of seventy years. They were members of the Reformed church and their mortal remains were interred at Millersville. They were the parents of eight children, born in the following order: Levi, now of Reading, Pa.; Henry B.; Martin, a merchant in Nebraska; Adeline, wife of Emanuel Lehr, of Millersville, Pa.; Jacob, deceased; Mary, deceased, was first married to Jacob Brenner, and next to Sebastian Nestle; Rebecca, deceased wife of Christ Keller; and Catherine, deceased wife of Christ Hartman.

On Feb. 14, 1856, Henry B. Immel married Catherine Stauffer, who was born in Manor township in October, 1833, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wit-

mer) Stauffer. John Stauffer was a distiller in his younger days, then became a farmer, and finally retired from active life. Henry B. Immel is a consistent member of the German Reformed Church, and in politics is a Republican.

Henry S. Immel worked in his father's blacksmith shop, off and on, until he had attained his majority, but in the meantime, when but seventeen years of age, had begun learning cigar making and tobacco raising, and finally engaged in business for himself in that line in Millersville, where he had resided for thirty years. After five years' experience in the cigar trade in that town, he came to Mountville, and established his present extensive business. He has since erected a large factory where he manufactures his cigars.

On Sept. 16, 1884, Henry S. Immel was joined marriage, in Mountville, to Anna Shookers, and to this union have been born two children, Elizabeth May and Luella. Mrs. Anna (Shookers) Immel is a native of Mountville, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shookers, well known residents of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Immel are members of the U. B. Church, and fraternally Mr. Immel is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Commandery No. 43, Lancaster; a Knight of Malta; and a member of the O. U. A. M. Politically he is a Republican. In 1800 he purchased his residence property in Mountville, and has one of the pleasant homes of that village.

**SAMUEL B. KOSER**, M. D., a rising young physician and surgeon at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born at Junction, Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 28, 1866, and is a son of William and Mary A. (Behn) Koser, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

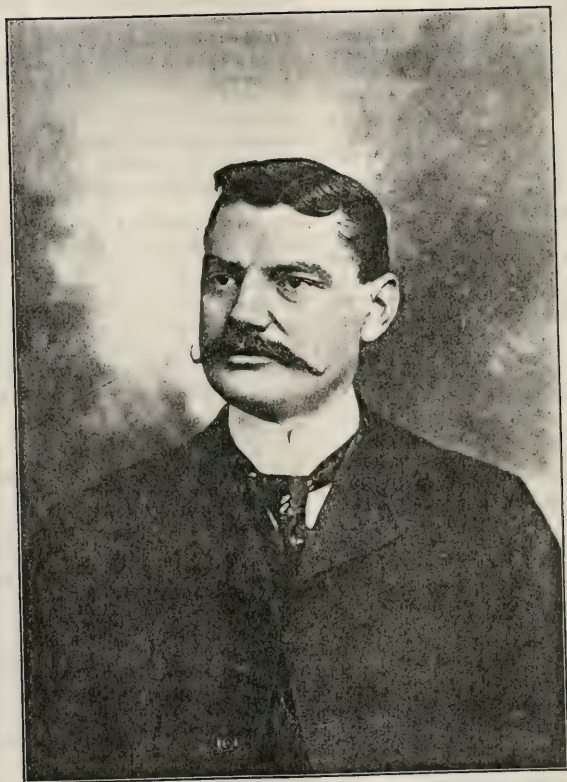
William Koser was born in 1836, and was reared a farmer. The family lived in Lancaster township, where Mrs. Koser died June 4, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years, and in 1899 the father retired to Lancaster, where he lives at ease and free from care. To the marriage of William and Mary A. Koser were born seven children, in the following order: Elizabeth, wife of Timlow Long, a shoe merchant of Lancaster; Samuel B.; John B., deceased; William, a farmer on the old homestead in Manheim township; Jonas, a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster; Mary, residing with her sister, Mrs. Long; and Martin, also a cigarmaker in Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of Dr. Koser were Frederick and Rebecca (Young) Koser, of Lancaster county, the former of whom, a farmer, died in Manheim in 1872, and the latter still resides there. Frederick was a son of Frederick, a native of Switzerland, who settled near White Oak, Lancaster county. The Doctor's maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Behn, of Campbelltown, Lebanon Co., Pa., where they lived on a farm for more than forty years.

Samuel B. Koser lived on the home farm until sixteen years old, and then attended Millersville Nor-







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mal School two seasons. He was then employed in the drug business in Columbia, Pa., for five years, and was later engaged in the same business for two years in Baltimore, Md. In the meantime he had been assiduously studying medical works, and had prepared himself for entrance to Baltimore Medical College, in which he took a full course, and was graduated with the class of April 15, 1891.

Dr. Koser began the practice of his profession in Columbia, where for six months he met with gratifying success, but there was a more inviting field opened up to him in Mountville, of which he at once availed himself, and has there since enjoyed a large remunerative and constantly increasing patronage. The Doctor is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, the State Medical Society, the National Medical Association, and the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of Columbia, Pa., and keeps well abreast of the progress made in the art and science of medicine.

Fraternally Dr. Koser is a Freemason of the seventh degree (Royal Arch); is a member of the K. of M., and likewise of the I. O. O. F. Religiously he is a member of Trinity Reformed Church. In politics a Republican, the Doctor has been a school director for the past eight years, now serving his third term. Socially he mingles with the highest classes in Mountville, by whom he is highly esteemed as a gentleman and as a physician.

REUBEN J. MYERS, Superintendent, and a member of the firm, of the Grey Iron Casting Co., of Mt. Joy, Pa., one of the most important industrial institutions in this part of Lancaster county, belongs to an old and prominent family of Pennsylvania.

Jacob and Esther (Strickler) Myers, the paternal grandparents of Reuben J. Myers, were well-known and highly regarded residents of Lancaster county, where the former taught school and also followed the trade of stone-mason, residing in the house in Mt. Joy which is now occupied by the beloved mother of our subject. These good people reared a large and estimable family, but nearly all have passed away. These were: Eliza, who died unmarried; Mary, deceased wife of David Stoner; Henry, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Anna, deceased wife of Augustus Walton; Esther, deceased wife of Henry Zell; and Catherine, widow of Thomas McFalls, who resided in Quincy, Ill., until her death in July, 1901.

The maternal grandparents of Reuben J. Myers were no less prominent in Lancaster county, and were Isaac and Anna (Martin) Hershey, of Penn and Rapho townships, respectively, who died in Mt. Joy borough and East Donegal township. Their children were: Fanny, who married Jacob Myers; John, living retired; Eliza, deceased, who married Daniel Lehman; Andrew, living retired; Ephraim, deceased; Christian, deceased; Anna, the widow of Frederick Stettler, of Jersey City, N. J.; George, a retired farmer of Iowa; Reuben, a resident of Illinois; Sarah, who married Reuben Risser, who

conducts a steam laundry in Mt. Joy; and Naomi, who married Ely Fletcher, a retired Illinois farmer. The maternal great-grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Snyder) Hershey, the former a son of Christian Hershey, an old settler of Lancaster county.

Reuben J. Myers was born in Mt. Joy Aug. 9, 1854, son of Jacob and Fanny (Hershey) Myers, the former of whom followed the business of cabinet-making in this locality until his death in 1869, at the age of fifty-one. During life he was prominently identified with the temperance movement and was a consistent member of the Church of God, known as the Bethel. Mrs. Fanny (Hershey) Myers, who resides in Mt. Joy, was born July 30, 1821, and became the mother of these children: Regina, a successful educator in the Mt. Joy schools; Emma, the widow of John Singer of Mt. Joy; Hershey, who died in 1871; Mary, the wife of J. D. Boyce, a wagon-maker of this place; Reuben J.; Ezra M., yardmaster for the Pennsylvania railroad, in Philadelphia; Allen, a contractor and builder, in Lincoln, Neb.; and Harvey, a baggage master on the Pennsylvania railroad, and located in Philadelphia.

Reuben J. Myers, whose name in Mt. Joy stands for great business sagacity as well as financial responsibility, was reared and educated in that town, finishing his school days at the age of fourteen. With inclinations in the direction of machinery and iron work, he entered a foundry where he remained some time, and then made his way to Harrisburg, in 1870 completing his instruction in one of the great foundries of this city, and remaining engaged in work until the spring of 1871. Thoroughly proficient and well aware that this proficiency would always secure him lucrative employment, Mr. Myers left home, intending to see something of the country, and traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, working at his trade, and learning much which in later years benefited him in many ways. In 1874 he returned to Mt. Joy, and there remained during the succeeding two years, thence going to New York city, where for five years he was connected with business firms in his line. Upon his second return to his old home, he opened up a foundry and galvanizing plant, which he successfully operated until 1892, when he became a member of the great firm of the Grey Iron Casting Co. This business was established in 1882 by Stauffer & Eby, for the manufacture of novelties and castings, also shelf hardware, and, as now conducted, employs 120 men, and is one of the most important industries of this locality. The present firm which is composed of the well-known solid and responsible business men, T. B. Himes, president; J. W. Eshleman, secretary and treasurer; and R. J. Myers, superintendent. They purchased this business in February, 1897, and have conducted it ever since with signal success.

In December, 1879, Reuben J. Myers was married to Miss Helen Brennessoltz, and to this union have been born: Edith, Ralph and Ethel. Mrs. Myers was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1859, a daughter of



Peter P. and Helen (Johnson) Brennesholtz, who were residents of New York, where he conducted a business as newsdealer. The political affiliations of Mr. Myers are with the Republican party, although his busy life leaves him no time for office-holding. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Masonic order, and is connected with the F. & A. M., No. 147, Cope Stone, N. J.; and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F., No. 277, of Mt. Joy. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Bethel Church, where he is active in all benevolent and charitable enterprises. Mr. Myers is a self-made man, and one who has won his prominence and the respect and esteem of the community through his own efforts.

**HARRY K. RUBY**, one of the best known and most highly respected railroad conductors residing in Columbia, Pa., was born in York, this State, March 1, 1858, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Barnhart) Ruby, natives of Somerset and York, respectively.

Joseph Ruby, a cabinetmaker by trade, who served as constable for several years, was born Jan. 20, 1809, and died in York, Dec. 11, 1871. His wife, Sarah Barnhart, was born April 10, 1811, and died Nov. 23, 1895, the remains of both being interred in the York cemetery. She was a loving wife and devoted mother, and for seventy long years was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death her eldest child was sixty-five years of age, and the youngest thirty-seven. During her girlhood she was one of several young ladies, who, dressed in white, received General LaFayette on his last visit to this country, and had the honor of shaking hands with that distinguished gentleman when he passed through York.

Harry K. Ruby is the youngest in a family of nine children. The others in order of birth are as follows: William, editor of the *Maryland Journal* at Towson, Md.; Susan, who married Henry R. Ruby, a cousin, and is now a widow living in Chambersburg, Pa.; Adeline, widow of J. S. Boyer and a resident of York; Frank, a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad and a resident of Columbia; Walter, who is now conducting a restaurant in York; Emma, wife of a Mr. Gingrick, a railroad engineer of Philadelphia; Emerson, a railroad engineer of Chicago, Ill.; and Kate, wife of Harry Flayhart of Towson, Maryland.

Until he attained his majority Harry K. Ruby remained a resident of York, Pa., and in the meantime worked at anything which he could find to do. He then went to Philadelphia, where he clerked in a grocery store for six months, and during the following two years worked in the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad freight house at Chicago, after which he returned to Pennsylvania and spent one year in Harrisburg. Since then he has made his home in Columbia, and has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., first as brakeman eight years, as flagman fourteen years, and as conductor since that time.

In Chicago Mr. Ruby was married, Nov. 16, 1879, to Miss Catherine Westhafer, a native of York county, Pa., where her parents, Emanuel and Sarah (Strine) Westhafer, were also born, their early home being in Strinestown. The father, a farmer by occupation, is now sixty-five years of age, while the mother is fifty-nine. Mrs. Ruby is the oldest of their children, the others being Emma, wife of William Wise, of York; Daniel, deceased; and Minnie, wife of Frank Deamer of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ruby have four children, namely: Maud, now the wife of Clarence E. Lloyd of Columbia; Joseph, Harry and Addie, all at home.

Fraternally Mr. Ruby is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the Pennsylvania Relief Department; and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

**JOHN H. HOOK**, who is a prominent citizen of Lancaster, Pa., and one who has long been identified with the material improvement and growth of the city, was born April 5, 1858, in Lancaster, a son of John and Catherine (Klaus) Hook, natives of Greiss, Gross-Gerau, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, although they met and were married in Lancaster, Pa. John Hook emigrated to America in 1831, while the date of his wife's emigration was one year later. They have their pleasant home in Lancaster, where he is employed as a stone-mason and stone-cutter. He was born in October, 1823, a son of Jacob and Christiana Hook, natives of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, the former of whom was born on April 14, 1804, came to America in 1831, and died March 2, 1871. Mrs. Christiana Hook died in Germany, in 1850, aged fifty-six years, four months and twenty days. Mrs. Catherine (Klaus) Hook was a daughter of Ernest and Margaret Klaus, of Dreiburg, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, who came to Lancaster county, in 1834, where he died, and was buried at Strasburg, Pa. John and Catherine (Klaus) Hook are members of the German Lutheran Church. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party. They had born to them these children: John H.; Elizabeth, who married Frank Witmer, of Lancaster; Henry, who resides at home, unmarried; Adam P., who died of yellow fever in Havana; Catherine, who married William Zercher, a tobacco merchant of Lancaster; Frederick, who is a barber; and William F., unmarried, who lives at home.

John H. Hook was reared in a home where he was early taught the value of industry. Until he was thirteen years of age, he attended school and then became water boy on the railroad, retaining his connection with railroad work, from 1871, when he made this humble beginning, until 1898, when he quit the road. From 1884 to 1889 he was master stone-





mason for the Frederick Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. In October, 1886, he made his beginning in contracting with J. F. Kellar and until his health failed, in June, 1898, he continued at that work. During that time Mr. Hook was engaged in building and contracting on a large scale, in Lancaster City, and in 1898, in association with Dr. M. L. Davis, began the building of garbage crematories, and in 1898 built a 100-ton crematory for the United States Government at Havana, Cuba. It would be a task to name all the work which has been completed by Mr. Hook in the building line, but a few of the notable constructions are: No. 13 bridge over the Juniata River, near Altoona, Pa., containing 10,700 cubic yards of masonry, built at a cost of \$107,000, on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for the same, a bridge over Stone Creek, at Huntingdon, Pa., containing 4,000 cubic yards of masonry; also a bridge for the same over Shaver's Creek, at Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., containing 3,500 yards of masonry. It was at this point that Mr. Hook was stricken with paralysis, the heavy demands made upon his physical strength being more that he could endure. His present business includes contracting and grading, and probably there is no more competent man in his line in Lancaster county.

In September, 1884, Mr. Hook was united in marriage with Mary E. Boud, who was born at Barren Hill, Montgomery Co., Pa., a daughter of James and Sarah (Fisher) Boud, natives of that county. The former was a son of James and Elizabeth Boud, natives of New Jersey. Mrs. Hook's father was a contractor and builder, and he died in 1879, at the age of sixty-seven years. Her grandfather was a cooper. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hook were George and Elizabeth Fisher, farming people of Montgomery county. Mrs. Hook's mother was born in January, 1821, and now resides at Audubon, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Boud were: William H., who keeps a hotel at Audubon; Kate F., who married Clinton Custer, and lives at Audubon, where he is engaged in brick manufacturing; Mary E., who became Mrs. Hook; and Margaret, who died unmarried. The children born to Mr. Hook and wife were: Adam, deceased; Henry B.; Irene M.; Josephine; Mary E. L.; John F.; and Paul R.

Mr. Hook has led too busy a life to have taken a very active part in politics, although no citizen of this locality is better qualified. For six years he consented to be judge of elections, but finally resigned the office. Until the silver question agitated the Democratic party, he had always adhered to its principles, but since that time, has been identified with the Republican party. For the past twenty-three years he has been an Odd Fellow, and also belongs to the order of Seven Wise Men. Mr. Hook was reared in the Lutheran Church, and is a most liberal contributor to its support, his family being regular attendants on its services and active in its work.

Although somewhat hampered by ill-health, Mr.

Hook has retained in a very remarkable degree his energy, and still is the active and intelligent head of his business. It is to Mr. Hook that the city is indebted for the very satisfactory electric plant, erected at Slack Water, which supplies Lancaster with its light. He is also president of the South Mountain Kaolin Co., capitalized at \$250,000, and president of the Cline Stock Car Co., capitalized at \$100,000. Mr. Hook is one of the reliable, energetic and progressive citizens, who leave worthy monuments behind them, when called from life, and who can be but illy spared. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, and also has a large circle of personal friends.

HENRY W. GIBSON, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Lancaster, has done such a noble work for the uplifting of the men and boys of his native city, that his name is entitled to most honorable mention on these pages devoted to the notable men of this community. He comes from an old family in this county, and is in direct descent from the Gibsons who were early settlers in Lancaster county, so early that Gibson's Corners has a history that runs back farther than the establishment and naming of the city of Lancaster. The Gibsons came from Ireland, and the great-grandfather of Henry W., with two brothers made his appearance here at a very early day. His wife died when our subject was about ten years old. Their son, Michael Gibson, married Mary Shertz, who died a few years ago.

John Gibson, the father of Henry W., was a carpenter in Lancaster, and he married Rebecca J. McCann, of York county, Pa. From this union three children were born: Henry W., of Lancaster; Sadie J., the wife of David J. Dailey, cigar manufacturer; and John, who died in infancy.

Henry W. Gibson was born in Lancaster, Oct. 21, 1867, and obtained his education in the city schools. Leaving school at the age of twelve years he entered a shoe store, where he remained four years, and then secured another engagement with a second shoe store, where he was employed three years. His next move was to Harrisburg, where he began work as an assistant secretary of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A.; after a year he went to Chambersburg, where he was called to fill the office of secretary of the local association. There he spent a year and a half, and on Sept. 1, 1891, came to Lancaster, to assume the office of secretary of the Lancaster Association, and to become the organist of the First Presbyterian Church. He remained in charge of the organ until 1897, when the increasing duties of the Association work demanded all his time. Mr. Gibson is still singing in the choir, and is noted as one of the finest tenors in this city; he is also director of the Amphion male quartette, whose work is confined to classical music, and whose services are in much demand abroad. This organization, which took shape as late as 1898, largely through the work of Mr. Gibson, has already won an enviable reputation. The church, the Sunday



School and the Association are his world, and music is his recreation and delight. When only twelve years old he was given charge of the organ at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, and for eight years officiated there.

Mr. Gibson may be said to have two hobbies, boys and music. When he began his work in Lancaster, there were only five young men who were paid-up members of the Association; now there are 667. The library has been largely increased; the old building was enlarged and remodeled, and the new and magnificent building at North Queen and Orange streets erected, at a cost of \$200,000, by the tireless worker and enthusiastic Secretary, whom the people have learned to love. Mr. Gibson effected the organization of the Junior branch, and this may be said to be a pioneer in the field. Secretary Gibson is in demand in other cities to speak on various phases of his successful work, and he has managed and accompanied six camps of Juniors and Seniors at Sheibley's Grove, and at Mt. Gretna, with never an accident to mar the joy of these gatherings. In the summer of 1900 at Mt. Gretna, Mr. Gibson presided over a tri-state camp, which was named "Camp Shand," after the beloved president of the Y. M. C. A., with 114 representatives present from Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. In addition to all this Mr. Gibson is the assistant to the Chancellor, and a director, of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, whose summer school is held at Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania.

**FREELAND L. DENLINGER**, who occupies the old home farm of his father in East Lampeter township, was born there March 23, 1865, son of John L. Denlinger.

Jacob Denlinger, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Lancaster county. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, but in the latter part of his life followed farming in East Lampeter. In his religious connection he was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. He married Miss Mary Landis, by whom he became the father of seven children, namely: Anna, deceased wife of David Weaver; Martha, wife of Joseph Swartley, of Ohio; John L., deceased, mentioned below; Benjamin L., deceased, of East Lampeter; Jacob, of Ohio; David, of Salunga, Pa.; and Mary, deceased wife of George Wisler.

John L. Denlinger was born in East Lampeter township in 1821, and he began farming in early life, continuing same until his death, which occurred in 1886. He married Miss Elizabeth Harnish, and they were the parents of seven children: Mary A., wife of Cyrus Weaver; Naomi, who died in infancy; Elam H., of Lancaster City; Frank, who died in his twenty-first year; Jacob, who died aged thirty-seven years; Freeland L., our subject; and Miss Lizzie F., unmarried, of Lancaster City.

Freeland L. Denlinger was educated in the public schools, and lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began life for himself, farm-

ing one year on the farm of Mrs. Elizabeth Fralish. Then his father died, and he inherited the home farm, on which he now resides, and where he has continued farming ever since. He takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the community in which he resides.

On Nov. 21, 1885, Mr. Denlinger wedded Miss Amanda Fralish, daughter of David and Elizabeth Fralish, and to this union have been born two children, J. Cletus, Nov. 27, 1887; and Miriam E., March 27, 1894.

**DANIEL H. DENLINGER**. The Denlinger family is of Swiss extraction, but has long been domiciled in Lancaster county. Daniel H. Denlinger was born in Leacock township May 23, 1855, son of Daniel and Margaret (Hershey) Denlinger, natives, respectively, of Paradise and Salisbury townships.

Daniel Denlinger, the father, was a prominent and successful farmer. In his early manhood he was a miller, operating in Salisbury township what is now known as Hunsecker's mill. During the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired from active farm labors. He died in 1884, aged sixty-nine years, and is buried in Hershey's Mennonite cemetery. His widow, the mother of Daniel H., survives and is a resident of Leacock township.

Daniel H. Denlinger remained on the home farm until his marriage in Leacock township, in October, 1878, to Miss Anna M. Kreider, who was born in that township in 1860, and who died July 10, 1882, aged twenty-two years, leaving two children, Anna E., who married Landis O. Brackbill, of Gap, Lancaster county; and John K., who lives at Coatesville, Pa. For his second wife, Daniel H. Denlinger married, Jan. 30, 1884, Fanny K. Landis, who was born in East Hempfield township, May 9, 1858, daughter of Rev. John B. and Anna (Kreider) Landis, of East Lampeter township, and granddaughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Brenneman) Landis, of Lancaster county, and of Jacob Kreider, of Lancaster county.

Rev. John B. Landis has been a Mennonite minister for the past fifty-two years. He was born March 10, 1810, and retired from active farming in 1871. He is a man of prominence and unusual mental vigor. His wife died in 1880, aged sixty years and twenty-four days, and is buried in East Petersburg Mennonite cemetery. To Rev. John B. and Anna (Kreider) Landis were born children as follows: Elizabeth, who married Israel F. Root, and is now deceased; Mariah, widow of Martin P. Swarr, of East Hempfield township; Anna, wife of Christ F. Charles, a farmer of Rapho township; Catherine, wife of Benjamin E. Charles, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Ilette, wife of John M. Denlinger, a farmer of Manor township; Fanny K., wife of Daniel H. Denlinger, subject of this sketch; and Jacob A., of Los Angeles, California.

To Daniel H. and Fanny K. (Landis) Denlinger have been born five children, namely: Lillie L.,





Daniel L., Fanny M., Margaret R. and Jacob L., all at home.

Following his marriage in 1878, Mr. Denlinger settled upon his farm of 115 acres in Salisbury township, which he still occupies. He is a successful and progressive farmer and one of the prominent citizens of the township. For ten years he served as school director, and in various ways has demonstrated his enterprise and public spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious affiliation himself and wife are active members of the Mennonite Church.

AMOS H. HOFFMAN. Had the biographer the time and space it would be most interesting to compare the appearance of the land and the surrounding conditions of life, with those of the present, when, many years ago, Christian Hoffman, the founder of the Hoffman family in Lancaster county, established here a saddlery business, upon the large farm of which he became the owner. It was during his youth that he located in East Hempfield township, and this locality has the honor of having been the home of a real inventor, the teamster whip, which he first invented and then manufactured in large numbers, being a successful article, and one which found ready sale, as at that time the volume of business in the way of transportation, was done along the highway, by teamsters. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, and for that time and locality, he was rated a very substantial man. His marriage united him to Magdalena Gezey, and they reared these children: Henry; Christian; John; Susan; Emanuel; Levi; Magdalena, who married Michael Goch-nauer; and Annie, who married A. Harlachner.

Henry Hoffman, who purchased the home property, lying one mile east of Landisville, was born and reared on the place, his birth occurring in 1813, and his death, in 1894. Farming was his chief occupation, in connection with the saddlery, succeeding to this business after his father's death. He did much to improve the land, as at the time he took charge of the property, much of the native forest still remained. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat, and although he took an active part in the deliberations of his party, he never consented to hold office. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. His interment took place on the old homestead burying ground, where his parents long had slept. His wife, Elizabeth Hiestand, was born in 1824, a daughter of Christian Hiestand, of Landisville; she died in 1896, the mother of the following children: Christian, a farmer and produce dealer, of East Hempfield; Annie, the wife of Benjamin Nolt, a prominent miller and drover, of this township; Levi, who died unmarried, at the age of thirty-five; Maggie, deceased wife of Jonas E. Witner; Lillie, deceased, who married F. L. Nissley; Harry, who was connected with the establishment of Hager Bros., and died in Lancaster, leaving a widow and one child; John, deceased; and Amos H.

Amos H. Hoffman, who resides on the old home-

stead, was born Feb. 21, 1867, and was reared on this pleasant old farm, receiving his preparatory education in the common schools, later becoming a student at the State Normal school at Westchester, immediately after entering the profession of teacher, satisfactorily pursuing that for six sessions. About this time he received an appointment as U. S. store-keeper and gauger, and served in that capacity in the Ninth Revenue district for four years, resigning the position, however, to take charge of the homestead farm he had purchased in 1895, since which time he has engaged in farming rather extensively.

Mr. Hoffman has been an active member of the Democratic party, has served on the County committee and has been a frequent delegate to Democratic county and State conventions.

On Dec. 20, 1896, Mr. Hoffman married Lestella M. Foust, a daughter of William Foust, a well-known distiller, of York county, and to this marriage two children, Ruth and William have been born. The Hoffman family is one of the most highly respected in the county, and Amos H. Hoffman is a worthy representative of it.

BENJAMIN BARR, a paper-hanger and water-color decorator, of Lancaster, was born Feb. 2, 1872, on his father's farm, in Pequea township. He served his apprenticeship with J. B. Martin, beginning in August, 1888, and he has remained with the same employer ever since, having taken up the work as a master workman on the completion of his apprenticeship service.

In April, 1897, Mr. Barr married Miss Sue Diefenbach, who was born in Erie, Pa., a daughter of John Diefenbach, a railroad engineer who was killed while on duty in Kentucky, in 1885. Mr. Barr purchased his present home, No. 212 South Ann street, three months after his marriage—a substantial indication of his industry and thrift. His political affiliations are Republican, and his social with the Knights of Pythias, and his fine qualities are appreciated at home and afar.

John Barr, now deceased, the father of Benjamin, was a farmer. He was born in Pequea Nov. 10, 1813, and died there on his farm, Feb. 13, 1884, and his remains are buried in the cemetery in Pequea. He was married in Lancaster in 1860 to Elizabeth Good, and the following is a list of their children in addition to Benjamin, above mentioned: Maurice, who died at the age of four years; John, living with his mother; Aaron, who died at the age of nine; Maurice (2), now an engineer living in St. Louis, Mo.; Lizzie, now of Steelton, Pa., and the wife of Frank Loy, by whom she has two children; and Abraham, now at home with his mother. Mr. Barr, the father of this family, was brought up to farming and tanning, under his own father, who in 1841, retired in his favor, the successor then being twenty-eight years of age. Thenceforward until his death he continued both industries, a period of over forty years, and achieved a competency for his family.





leaving it prominent in the community, prosperous and comfortable. He was always a liberal supporter of the church, but not a member, and he could never be induced to accept political office. His widow sold the farm and tannery, and moved to Lancaster in April, 1888. She was born in February, 1837, in Martic township, daughter of John and Fannie (Miller) Good. Her father was a farmer who died in 1884, at the age of eighty-two; her mother having preceded him in 1881, aged seventy-five. Both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and both are buried in the Byrdland church cemetery at Pequea. Their children besides Elizabeth, were as follows: Barbara married Abram Harnish, and both are deceased; Jonas is now deceased; Miss Fanny, of Lancaster; Susan, now Mrs. Benjamin Martin, of Lancaster; Miss Mary, of Lancaster; and Leah, now Mrs. Samuel Rissel, wife of a retired farmer of Lancaster. Mrs. John Barr's grandparents were Jacob and Barbara (Shenck) Good, farmers of Lancaster.

Benjamin Barr's grandfather was also Benjamin Barr; his grandmother, Barbara (Miller) Barr; and they were both of Lancaster county. We have already told that this Benjamin Barr passed his farming and tanning business on to his son John, and retired in 1841. He was a man of prominence in the community, and was well-to-do. He and his wife were both members of the Mennonite Church. Their sons and daughters were: John, already mentioned; Fanny, who died unmarried at the age of seventy-three; Eliza, deceased wife of Benjamin Snavely; and Benjamin, a farmer of Landisville, this county.

**HENRY RESSLER.** For many years the milling interests of one section of Lancaster county, have been efficiently looked after by members of the Ressler family, and that name is known far and wide for excellent and satisfactory work. Henry Ressler, the owner and operator of one of the most complete and best conducted mills in this part of the county, inherited from his father a great faculty for, and understanding of, the business, and he is regarded as an authority on the subject.

Henry Ressler was born in Upper Leacock township, Jan. 9, 1870, son of William and Mary (Martin) Ressler, the former of whom was a native of Berks county and was born in 1810. When he first decided to leave home, in order to learn a trade, William Ressler chose that of shoemaking and became apprenticed to a local cobbler, but later resigned the position to an older brother and went to learn the milling business with David Ressler, at what is now known as Rupp's mill, on Conestoga creek, a short time later entering the employ of David Binkley, at Binkley's Bridge, and thus formed a friendship which lasted through the life of Mr. Binkley and had much to do with the shaping of some years of Mr. Ressler's career. After finishing his apprenticeship with this employer, he became his chief miller and remained with him for nine years.

About this time occurred the marriage of William Ressler and following this event, he rented the mill which is now known as Zook's mill, on Cocalico creek, and this he operated for two years, and then engaged with Isaac Kohrer, in the management of what is now called Snavely's mill, but before he had become thoroughly identified with the business there, David Binkley died, and in his will he requested that Mr. Ressler return and take charge of his mill property, to conduct until his youngest son had reached his majority. Some dissatisfaction arose, owing to a misunderstanding between Mr. Ressler and the eldest son of Mr. Binkley, and after seven years the former gave up the mill. Not long, however, could he remain out of his favorite business, and soon after this, he leased Frey's mill, on Lititz creek, this now being known as Kalforth's mill, where he remained for two years. Shortly before the expiration of his lease a desirable mill property near Lancaster came into the market, and of this Mr. Ressler became the owner, paying for this \$20,000.50, but he never operated this mill, selling it, at the same figure, on the day of purchase, and on the same day, bought another mill property, in Upper Leacock township, for which he paid \$20,000, and this is now known as the Ressler mill. Not being able to gain immediate possession of the property, he pursued farming for the following year. He died in 1892. His children were: Joel, of whom nothing is known; Jacob K., the owner and operator of the Ressler mill, who married, Dec. 21, 1881, Annie M. Groff, a daughter of Levi Groff, at one time a well-known distiller and large land owner; Dora L., Lizzie, who married W. S. Reidenbaugh, of Lancaster; J. Light, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and now a practicing physician of Bird-in-Hand; Henry; and Mary, wife of Samuel Herr, residing at Bird-in-Hand.

Henry Ressler lived upon the farm until he attained his majority, and his first business venture, when he was between nineteen and twenty-two years of age, was in the auctioneer business, and he became well and favorably known through the township in that capacity. However, the milling instinct was but dormant, for, in 1891, he began operations in the family business, in that year purchasing what is known as the Seidomridge mill, which he successfully operated from April, 1895, to November of the same year, at which time he sold it to C. E. Seidomridge, who is the present owner. The following year Mr. Ressler passed quietly in Ephrata, but in the spring of 1896, he leased his present mill property, known as the Bushong mill, located on Mill creek, and on Oct. 4, 1899, became its owner. Here Mr. Ressler has an excellent grist and custom business and also here manufactures lumber. This desirable property includes thirty-five acres of fine land, and a commodious two-story brick residence.

On Dec. 22, 1896, Mr. Ressler wedded Miss Emma E. Ranck, a daughter of Rev. David W. Ranck, of West Earl township, and to this union one daughter, Emma E., was born, but Mr. Ressler was



bereaved by the death of his wife, Oct. 8, 1898. As a business man and practical miller, Mr. Ressler has gained the confidence of the community, and is one of the reliable and substantial citizens of East Lancaster township. In politics he is a Republican, and in February, 1902, he was elected township auditor, succeeding Dr. A. N. Miller, who had held the office for thirty years.

B. FRANK WALTER, the enterprising proprietor of a popular establishment at Christiana that is devoted to the sale of coal, lumber, fertilizers, and other goods in demand by the farming community, was born in Sadsbury township, Jan. 11, 1856, son of George H. and Hannah (Brown) Walter, natives of Chester county.

In 1854 George H. Walter came to Lancaster county, and located in Sadsbury township. In early life he was a merchant in Russellville, but after arriving in Lancaster county he devoted himself to farming. He became prominent in local affairs, and served as school director and as supervisor. Both he and his wife died in Sadsbury township in 1880, he at the age of eighty-one, and she at seventy-five, and they sleep in Bart Cemetery. Mrs. Walter was a member of the Society of Friends. They had the following family: Brinton, a resident of Christiana, is engaged in business in Parkersburg; Jesse died in the army; Lydia married William L. Jackson, a farm of Christiana; Mary married Francis Whitson, who is living retired in Christiana; Georgianna is deceased; Louisa married Dr. L. W. Pownall, of Altoona; and B. Frank.

The paternal grandparents of B. Frank Walter were Brinton and Mary Walter, of whom the former was a farmer and a hotel man in Chester county, near Avondale, and he died in 1818, at the age of fifty years. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Walter were Thomas and Hannah Brown, farming people of Chester county, who have entered into rest.

B. Frank Walter was married in 1883, in Chester county, to Sarah Linvill, by whom he has had the following family: Laura L., Maurice and Margaret. Mrs. Walter was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, in 1860, daughter of Sylvester D. and Sarah Walker Linvill. Sylvester D. Linvill was a school teacher in his early life, and later a farmer.

Mr. Walter lived with his parents until the age of twenty, when he engaged as assistant to his brother Brinton in the business, and so continued until 1892, in which year he purchased his brother's business, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Walter was elected borough councilman, and in February, 1901, was chosen president of the council. In his political views he is a Republican. In religion he is a member of the Society of Friends, and he lives an upright and consistent life.

JOSEPH BARR McCASKEY, D. D. S., the oldest and most prominent practitioner of dentistry in Lancaster, whose commodious and comfortable

office is located at No. 11 East King street, over the First National Bank, is one of the best-known men in Lancaster city and county.

William McCaskey, father of the Doctor, owned and conducted a farm in Leacock township, this county, and in early manhood married Miss Margaret Pierson, who belonged to a well-known family of Compass, this county, near the Chester county line. To their union the following named children were born: J. P., Ph. D., the veteran principal of the Boys' High school, of Lancaster; Joseph B., of this biography; Kate, who is the wife of James H. Marshall, ex-postmaster, and now assistant postmaster, of Lancaster; Col. William S., of the United States army, who entered the volunteer service at the age of seventeen years, distinguished himself during the war of the Rebellion, and since that time achieving lasting fame as a soldier; Cyrus D., in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad service; Maggie (deceased), who was the wife of Wellington Spoon, a passenger conductor on the Reading railroad; and J. Newton, a dentist, now following his profession in Harrisburg.

Joseph B. McCaskey was born on his father's farm in Leacock township, this county, in 1839, passed his early boyhood days there and in 1843 came to Lancaster. Here he was educated in the public schools, finishing in the Boys' High School, and then began the study of dentistry, in 1854, his preceptor being Dr. William Whiteside, a soldier of the Civil war, who ranked high in his profession. About 1861 Dr. McCaskey went to Hanover, York county, practicing dentistry there for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Lancaster and opened up the office where he has remained ever since. Here he has enjoyed one of the largest and most substantial dental practices ever known in the county, and all these years has been a close student, never being satisfied with what he has already accomplished in his profession, but ever striving after the mastery of the latest scientific methods and discoveries. No man has ever lived in the city who has enjoyed so high a reputation in his business, and he was the pioneer in introducing to people the idea that it is better to save than to remove teeth. His crown and bridge work is unexcelled, and his patrons are numbered among the best and most prominent people in the city and county.

In 1857 Dr. McCaskey married Miss Fannie Connell, a daughter of the late Mark Connell, of Mechanicsburg, this county, who was a prominent farmer and live stock dealer. This union was blessed with three children: Harry and Joseph B., Jr., both of whom are dentists, the latter being associated with his father; and Clothilda, at home. The family residence has been at No. 320 North Duke street for twenty-seven years.

Dr. McCaskey comes of strong ancestry, being of Scotch-Irish stock of the Presbyterian faith, noted for their tenacity of purpose and their will





power, as well as their ability. Many of these traits have come down to him, and he has been called upon to occasionally make use of them. If the Doctor confesses to a fad it is for horses and tests of their speed, and many times has he been urged to act as judge of such trials, but he has refused. As an owner of many fine animals, and fond of many sports, he has done much toward elevating the amusements in his community, but he is not a sporting man, and only looks to racing as a mere agreeable pastime. The main business of his life still continues to be, as it has been in the past, the successful practice of dentistry.

**HARRY S. BEATES**, one of the prosperous young farmers of East Donegal township, was born in West Donegal township March 4, 1872, a son of William Christopher and Barbara Anna (Myers) Beates, both of whom belonged to old Lancaster county families.

Samuel Beates, his grandfather, was a son of Rev. William and Anna M. (Herst) Beates, of Philadelphia, who moved to Lancaster county, where Mr. Beates ministered in the Lutheran Church. Samuel Beates had once been a drug merchant in Philadelphia, and later engaged in the mercantile business in Lancaster, but he lived a retired life thirty years prior to his death, his last three years being spent in East Donegal township. He died in East Donegal township in June, 1889, at the age of sixty-seven. He married (first) Elizabeth Brenner, a daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Crider) Brenner, the former of whom was a farmer and hotel keeper in Lancaster. She died when her son, William Christopher, was but eighteen months old. Both Samuel Beates and his wife were buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, Lancaster.

William Christopher Beates was born in Lancaster Sept. 9, 1847, and after the death of his young mother was taken to the home of his grandfather Beates, where he remained for thirteen years, and then went to work on a farm near Londonderry, in Dauphin county, where he continued for five years. By this time he was prepared to purchase a farm, and this he operated for the following five years, and then changed his residence to Lancaster county, and farmed in East Donegal township for twenty years. In 1894 he retired from active life and now resides in Marietta. In politics Mr. Beates voted with the Republican party, and in religious matters he is an active member of the Lutheran Church, in which he is a trustee. In December, 1869, Mr. Beates was married to Barbara Ann Myers, and two children have been born to this union: Harry S., of this sketch; and Sarah, who married John D. Orth, a meat merchant of Marietta. Mrs. Beates was born in Dauphin county, Pa., July 30, 1844, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Coble) Myers, of Lancaster county, but both died in Dauphin county, just over the line of separation, the father in 1890, aged eighty-six, the mother in 1848, aged thirty-five, and both

were buried at Conewago, Lancaster county. They had lived irreproachable lives, consistent members of the United Brethren and Dunkard Churches. Their children were: Christian, a resident of Running Pump, in this county; Eli, deceased; Barbara; David, a carpenter, in Elizabethtown; Catherine, who died young; and Sarah, the wife of Harry Shoap, a farmer of Dauphin county. Henry Myers married second, Maria Zimmermann, who bore him two children: Simon, a machinist of Elizabethtown; and Ellen M., who married Ephraim D. Shenk, a farmer of Dauphin county.

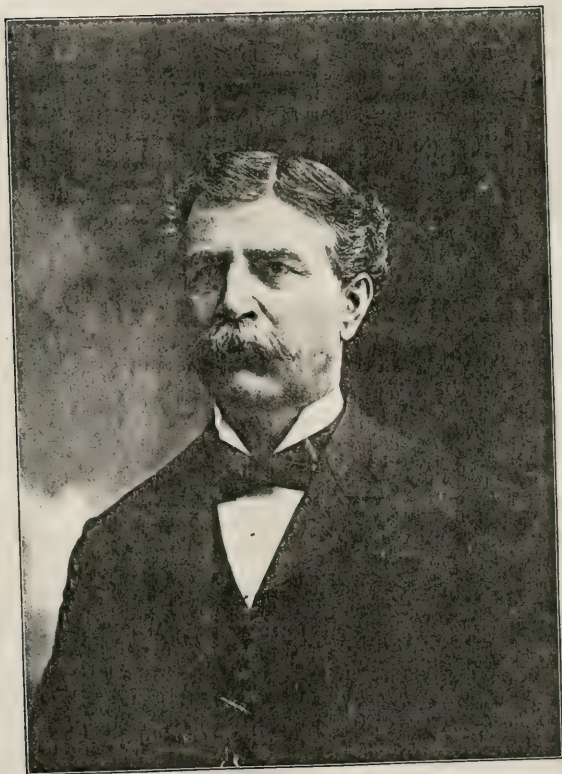
Harry S. Beates was brought by his parents to the East Donegal farm when he was but two years old, and that was his home for many years. Farming was his chief occupation, and he has always been regarded as one of the most promising and progressive among the younger agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Beates was married first in January, 1894, in Columbia, Pa., to Miss Frances Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller, of West Hemphill township. She was born there in 1871, and she died in 1897, and was buried in Silver Spring cemetery. On Jan. 28, 1898, at Oberlin, Pa., Mr. Beates wedded Miss Ellen S. Bishop, and to this union two interesting children have been born, Bertha and Alvin H. Mrs. Beates was born Sept. 6, 1872, at Oberlin, Dauphin county, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Metz) Bishop, farming people of that locality, the former born in 1833, and the latter in 1843. They both are members of the Lutheran faith, and are among the esteemed citizens of Oberlin. Their children are: Albert G., who resides on the old homestead; Oliver C., who is the principal of the Oberlin Schools; Ida B.; Ellen S., Warren J., Katie E., Hiram E. and Norman D., all of these residing with their parents, with the exception of Mrs. Beates and Albert G., the latter having the old homestead, which is located one-half mile from where the family reside. The paternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Millicent) Bishop, of Lancaster county, who died in Dauphin county, having moved there following their marriage. The maternal grandparents were George and Sarah (Fisher) Metz, of Dauphin county.

Following the death of his first wife, Mr. Beates went to Marietta and worked for one year in a planing mill, in that place, but later returned to the farm, where the family enjoy every comfort of life and extend a generous hospitality to their numerous friends. The political faith of Mr. Beates is that of the Republican party, while his religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

**JACOB STONER**, the efficient treasurer of Lancaster county, comes from old Mennonite ancestry who fled to this country at an early day, to escape bitter religious persecution in their native land. Jacob Stoner, his grandfather, was a farmer of Dauphin county, Pa., but removed to Lancaster county in middle life.





Jacob Storer



Jacob Stoner, father of Jacob, was born in Dauphin county in 1804, and died in Manheim township, this county, in 1881. Susanna Funk, his wife, born in 1813, died in 1889. She was the daughter of a well-known farmer of Manor township. They had twelve children, four of whom are now living: Jacob, who is mentioned below; Barbara, wife of Martin E. Herr, a machinist of Lancaster; Fanny, wife of Jacob P. Hollinger; and Susan, wife of Christian Elaverstick, a farmer of Manor township.

Jacob Stoner was born in Indiantown, Manor township, Feb. 19, 1842, and received his education in the public schools of Lancaster township, to which section his father had removed when he was a child of only one year. After leaving the district school young Stoner attended the State Normal School at Millersville for a time, but after teaching school two terms he returned to farming, which he has made his principal business in life. In 1901 he put his farm into the care of a tenant, and has given up hard and laborious farm work, feeling that he has richly earned a few years of ease and comfort. For twelve years he was a member of the board of school directors, and for some seven or eight years has been on the Republican county committee. He is prominent in Masonic circles, having risen to membership in the commandery.

Mr. Stoner was elected county treasurer of Lancaster county in 1899 by a good majority. He is a man of fine social qualities and generous impulses, and his integrity is beyond question. He enjoys the esteem of the public, and his election to the responsible position of treasurer of this wealthy county is a tribute to his integrity and ability.

T. B. ACHESON, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Eden township in October, 1839, son of Cuninghame and Anna (Marklev) Acheson.

Cuninghame Acheson was born in Ireland in 1811, son of George Acheson, who came to this country and made his home in Philadelphia, where he died leaving two sons, Charles and Cuninghame, who settled on farms in Lancaster county, where they lived and died. Frank and Ross Acheson, sons of Charles, still live in this county.

Cuninghame Acheson, father of T. B., settled on the present Acheson home in East Drumore township, where both he and his wife spent their lives. He died in 1887, and his widow in February, 1889. Among the improvements he made were only small buildings, the present large and handsome structure having been put up by his son, T. B. One of the old-time Presbyterians, he was a helpful and devout member of the Church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Cuninghame Acheson were the parents of six children: (1) Mary, born in 1838, is unmarried and lives in Harrisburg with her sister. (2) T. B. is mentioned below. (3) George, born in 1841, learned the carpenter's trade, and settled in Philadelphia, where he married Miss Ella Kelly,

by whom he has had six children, May, James, John, Robert, Agnes and Anna (who died in early womanhood). (4) Isabella, born in 1842, married Benjamin Finley, of Harrisburg, where she died in 1901, leaving one daughter, Laura. (5) Robert, born in 1846, married Sadie Goodman, of Philadelphia, where they were living at the time of his death, in 1880. He was a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, and was killed in an accident, leaving a widow and one daughter, Catherine. (6) Emma, born in 1849, became one of the successful and accomplished teachers of Lancaster county, and married Mahlon Erb, of Maric township; they have the following children—Annie (who married Amos Patton, of Columbia), Oscar, Mahlon, Robert and Alma.

T. B. Acheson received his early education in the home schools, and remained with his parents until they died. In 1861 he married Alice Trimble, who was born in Drumore township in 1874, daughter of John and Amanda (Connolly) Trimble; her mother died when she was a child, and she made her home with the parents of her husband. They settled on his father's home-stead, where Mr. Acheson put up a new house in 1869. There he has engaged in farming very successfully to the present time. They have four living children: Mary E., born in 1891; Anna G., born in 1893; Ruth, born in 1895; and Alfred A., born in 1896.

Mr. Acheson has always been a Democrat politically. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and socially he belongs to Drumore Lodge, No. 309, I. O. O. F. A few years ago Mr. Acheson suffered a serious accident, and has not been able to engage in active work for some time. Notwithstanding his sore affliction, he has a cheerful disposition, and looks upon the brighter side of things. To those who know him well his finer nature stands out bright and clear. He is proud of his devoted wife and family.

JOHN M. BOWMAN, a retired farmer of Providence township, Lancaster county, is a well-known resident and estimable citizen of that locality. He was born Aug. 1, 1830, in Strasburg township, son of Isaac and Ann (Musser) Bowman, both of whom are deceased.

Isaac Bowman, the father, was a son of John Bowman, who had a large family, of whom Joseph, Isaac and Maria were the only ones to grow to maturity. Isaac Bowman was born in 1802, and died in 1880, and the record of the intervening years is that of a worthy citizen and good man. About 1829 he married Ann Musser, daughter of John Musser, and the following children were born to them: John M.; Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, who lives in Dauphin county; Susan, who is deceased; Isaac, a resident of Lancaster county; Joseph, who lives in Philadelphia; Amanda, and Benjamin, both deceased; and Ann, who is the wife of Abraham Drubaker, a minister of the Mennonite Church.





In 1853 John M. Bowman was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Overly, of Camargo village, who died in 1859. They had children as follows: John F., of Lancaster city; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Daniel M. Stauffer, of Lampeter township; and Charles J., of Lancaster city. On March 28, 1866, Mr. Bowman was married (second) to Mrs. Martha (Boreman) Starr, born in 1820, and this marriage has been blessed with eight children, namely: Catherine, born in 1866; Benjamin G., in 1868; Elinora, in 1870; Martha, in 1872; Enos E., in 1873 (deceased); Rheubine H., in 1875; Ezra A., in 1878; and Sarah, in 1880.

Mr. Bowman passed his early life on the farm, and has followed agricultural pursuits, combined with sawmilling, all his active life. His career has been a very successful one, although he has depended upon his own resources from the age of twelve years. Of careful, frugal habits, and endowed with energy and determination, he soon accumulated means, and now, in the evening of life, is most comfortably situated. His farm in Providence township is valuable and well improved.

In his political views Mr. Bowman is a member of the Republican party, and he takes an interest in all its movements. Although he is not formally connected with any religious body, he upholds the Christian religion, and gives of his means to further worthy enterprises. Mr. Bowman is one of the honorable and upright men of Providence township.

**HENRY MICHAEL SHREINER** is the son of Martin Shreiner, and the grandson of Martin Shreiner. His great-grandfather came from Germany, and settled in Lancaster county at a very early period in its history, and here the ensuing generations have been born and nurtured.

Martin Shreiner, the grandfather of Henry M., was the manufacturer of the celebrated eight-day Shreiner clocks, the "grandfather" clocks once so popular, and now coming into favor again. Henry M. Shreiner is the possessor of the first of these clocks, the handiwork of his grandfather, bearing the inscription, "Martin Shreiner, No. 1." It is as good as the day it was made, and would command an immense price if offered for sale, instead of being preserved as an heirloom. The total number of these clock made by the elder Shreiner, so far as has been discovered, was 317, that being the number the family has been able to record. Every clock was numbered in the order of its manufacture. This Martin Shreiner helped while he was still an apprentice, in 1784, to build the town clock of Lancaster, which was in constant use until about two years ago, when it was removed from the court house to give place to a clock of modern design. Martin Shreiner was the founder and owner of Shreiner's cemetery, a beautiful burying ground in the western part of the city. It was named "Concord Cemetery," and in that silent and unpretentious city of the dead lie the mortal remains of Thaddeus Stevens, known

in the history of his times as the "Great Commoner." This place was selected by himself as his final home, because there was inscribed on its gateway, "The only Cemetery in Lancaster where there is no distinction as to race, color or religion."

Martin Shreiner, father of Henry M., was also a watch worker and a jeweler, and had his shop in an old-fashioned building, long since torn down to make way for the Lancaster Trust building. The site on which this building stands had been in the Shreiner family for three generations, and in that time there had never been a dollar of incumbrance placed upon it, an instance almost unparalleled in the history of the State of Pennsylvania.

Henry Michael Shreiner was born in Lancaster Oct. 3, 1832, and is the oldest surviving member of this historic family in the city. When a boy he entered the jewelry and watchmaking establishment of his uncle, Michael Zahn, at No. 30 North Queen street, and there he has remained fifty-five years, with good prospects for many years longer, as he presents a remarkably healthy and robust appearance. Beginning as an apprentice, he learned his trade, and then worked on journeyman's wages, finally becoming, with his brother, owner of the business, and then for some years being the sole owner. A year or two ago he sold out the contents of his store by auction, and rented the room for another purpose, retaining for himself, however, a small corner of the room for his bench and stand, that he might still care for his patrons, some of whom had given him their trade for half a century, and would have no other watchworker so long as he was alive and willing to attend to them.

**HENRY SANDER**, one of the leading agriculturists of East Earl township, worthily represents an old and highly respected family of Lancaster county. He was born in 1820, and is a surviving son of Peter Sander, long since passed out of life.

Henry Sander was reared to agricultural pursuits and has followed farming all his life. Soon after marriage he purchased a farm of ninety-nine acres near Terrell, and there he lived for a period covering forty years, moving then to a small place adjoining the family homestead, which he continued to cultivate for fifteen years. In 1895 Mr. Sander came to make his home with his son Isaac, three-fourths of a mile south of Terrell. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and has successively served his township as supervisor, and as a member of the school board.

Henry Sander was married to Miss Nancy Miller, who was a daughter of Isaac Miller, born in 1824, in Cocalico township, and still survives. Both Henry Sander and his wife are consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Their children are: Mary Ann, who is the wife of John Weaver, of Terrell; David, who is a farmer of Brecknock township; Hettie, a cigar-maker; Henry M., a farmer on the old homestead; Peter, a bridge-builder in the West;



Isaac, a farmer in this township; and Lizzie, the wife of Samuel Zinn, a carpenter in Martindale.

HENRY M. SANDER, one of the prosperous and representative farmers of East Earl township, was born on the farm of his residence, Oct. 13, 1851, a son of Henry and Nancy (Miller) Sander. He obtained his education in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-three took charge of the old homestead farm, containing nearly a hundred acres of fine land, and located one mile south of Terrechill. Some two years later, he purchased the old homestead and has devoted much care, time and money, in making it one of the most attractive country homes in this locality. General farming has been carried on in progressive lines, with improved machinery and his success has been very gratifying.

On Nov. 19, 1874, Henry M. Sander was married to Mary M. Hershey, who was born Nov. 7, 1851, a daughter of Deacon John and Magdalina (Musser) Hershey, of Salisbury township. Three children have been born of this union: John H., born Feb. 10, 1876, married Fannie Zimmerman, and resides in Martindale, in this township, their three children being, Mary, Jacob and Francis; Maggie, born July 2, 1879, is an accomplished seamstress and resides at home; and Annie, born Feb. 25, 1884, also lives at home. All the members of this family belong to the old Mennonite Church, and are very highly esteemed in this neighborhood.

HON. HIRAM PEOPLES, ex-member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, and the proprietor of the most extensive fish hatcheries in this State, is a typical Pennsylvanian, and is known far and wide for his public spirit, his liberal promotion of all interests promising to be of lasting benefit to his State or locality, and for his progressive ideas along many lines.

The home of Mr. Peoples is in the commodious and comfortable dwelling house at New Providence, this county, which was erected here by his father, John Peoples, and which was the scene of his birth, on Feb. 14, 1835. His grandfather was a native of Chester county, but lived in Martine township, Lancaster county, for a considerable period retired from activity, and there he died prior to the birth of his grandson.

John Peoples was also born in Chester county, but moved to Providence, Lancaster county, about 1822, where he became one of the most active and energetic men of his locality. In the building trade he was particularly active, erecting as additions to the village of New Providence, a large storehouse, four dwelling houses, a blacksmith and a wheelwright shop and other structures, doing more in this line than any other man in the vicinity. John Peoples was prominent in public affairs in his community, faithfully served the county as director of the poor, and his efforts were always to be counted upon to assist in any public enterprise. He married Susan Miller, thus connecting two honorable families.

Their children included three sons and four daughters: Abner, Hiram, John M., Annie, Mary, Amanda and Leah P., and of these, Annie married George Witmer; Mary married John Rohrer; Amanda married John Tweed; and Leah P. married Dr. John K. Raub. Abner married Martha, the daughter of John Hess, of Strasburg township; John M. married Maggie Royer, of Pottstown, and he became professor of mathematics in the State Normal school at Lock Haven, Pa. The Miller family was one of the oldest in the State, its early settlers having been the founders of Millersville, which in after years became the seat of the widely known and justly celebrated State Normal School.

Hiram Peoples, who for many years has been in the public eye, was carefully educated, receiving instruction in the public schools of his district, and later at White Hall Academy, going from there to the Millersville Normal school, where he attained distinction as an apt and appreciative student. After leaving the latter institution, he engaged in teaching for one term, but as he was gifted in a musical line, he decided to put his ability to practical use, and for a considerable time he instructed pupils in vocal music, and also taught both organ and violin. His attention was then engaged in the mercantile business, but later he took up agricultural pursuits, locating on the old homestead, and for more than thirty years this has been his delightful home. This farm comprises ninety acres of land, but it is not operated for the cultivation of grains or vegetable products alone, his energies having developed other possibilities which he has brought to be certainties.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Peoples began the propagation of fish, introducing the German carp to this section, continuing its cultivation until 1900, since which time he has directed his efforts to the hatching of black bass and gold fish, finding a ready and eager market all over the country. Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Reading and Lancaster are his nearest large consumers, but his business has far outgrown all local lines. Mr. Peoples owns the largest fish hatchery in the State, having twenty immense fish ponds on his estate, and it is from his fishing grounds that the State Fish Commission obtains its bass. It has required much business sagacity to inaugurate successfully and to conduct a business on these lines, and only a liberally educated man could have prospered as has Mr. Peoples. Both in public and private life he has shown his interest in this subject, in which he is most justly regarded as an authority, as well as a pioneer in this locality.

Politically Mr. Peoples is a Republican, and he has long been an important factor in that party. For five terms he was honored by his fellow-citizens of Lancaster county with election to the House of Representatives, being chosen for his last two terms, practically without opposition, so great is his popularity. His first term began in 1877, his second in 1881, his third in 1887 and his next in 1896, and he was re-elected in 1898, at the close of which term





he declined to be again a candidate for the coming election. During his long service, he was a member of many important committees, and chairman of three, notably the committees on Agriculture, on Roads, and on Game and Fish, and his efforts were instrumental in obtaining some very desirable legislation on these important matters. When the Fish Commission Bill was before the Legislature, the attitude which Mr. Peoples took, attracted attention and much favorable comment all over this and other States. This was that the bill should provide more liberally for the management of fish culture, and less harshly in its prohibitory and protective features, advancing arguments and statistics in support of this position.

Mr. Peoples was united in marriage with Miss Maria Brackbill, a daughter of the late John Brackbill, who was a prominent farmer of Strasburg. She is a descendant of Hans Herr, who was the founder of the Herr family in the United States, one of the largest and most influential families of Lancaster county, prominent alike in agricultural and religious circles. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, all of whom still survive: Capt. John B., the eldest, is the popular owner of the yacht the "Lady Gay," proprietor of "Peoples Bathing Resort," manager of the Woolworth Roof Garden, and he is also widely known in connection with the Northwestern Life Insurance Co.; Ida S. married Dr. Charles E. Helm, of Bart township; Angie Winona is at home; Annie Carlotta, who has inherited great musical gifts, is an artist on the violin, and resides at home; and Maria married Martin Rush, who was formerly a farmer, but who later became a leaf tobacco dealer of Willow street.

This brief sketch but incompletely presents a few of the leading characteristics, interests and accomplishments of a citizen of Lancaster county, who numbers among his friends and well wishers the majority of those whom either the demands of business, the claims of public affairs, or the gentle amenities of social life have brought within his radius. Upright, honest and public-spirited, his devotion to his locality is well known, and the people of Lancaster county point to him with pride as a representative citizen.

REV. JACOB K. NEWCOMER, a devoted servant of his Master and earnest worker in the Mennonite Church, was born on a farm two miles south of Mountville, Oct. 18, 1832, a son of Jacob Newcomer and his wife, Barbara Kauffman.

Jacob Newcomer, the father, was a native of Manor township, and died in 1864, at the age of sixty. As he was the eldest son at the death of his father, there entailed upon him grave responsibility and weighty care for one so young—he being then a lad of twelve years. It devolved upon him to assist his mother in the care of the farm, and he passed his life in the old homestead. He was a man of deep and earnest piety, and an active member of the

Mennonite church, and for many years a deacon of that organization. His wife died in 1858. She was the mother of ten children, nine of whom reached the age of maturity. Elizabeth, the eldest, married Abraham Sanders and is deceased. Barbara died unmarried. Christian was the husband of Elizabeth Mellinger, and he, too, has died. Jacob K., the subject of this brief biographical sketch, was the fourth child. Joseph, the next in the order of birth, a farmer of Manor township; he has been twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Rehner, and his second Elizabeth Seitz. Mary became the wife of Jacob Snively. Catherine is the widow of Jacob Lindeman, of Manor. Abraham resides in the same township; he married Mary Rutt. Isaac died a bachelor. Anna was taken away from earth in childhood.

Jacob K. Newcomer received his early education in the common schools, and passed his youth upon the paternal farm. At the early age of twenty-five he began farming on his own account, and is still engaged in agricultural pursuits. His first farm embraced one hundred acres, and to this he has added thirty-one. It has been occupied and cultivated by his son since 1885, in which year he removed to another farm—of fifty acres—also owned by him, and on which he still lives. In 1887 his home was destroyed by fire, and he at once erected a new and modern residence of handsome architectural appearance. He has thoroughly improved both properties. He also owns twenty-one acres in Manor township, formerly the property of his brother Christian—a part of the old homestead.

Born of devout, God-fearing parents, and reared in the Christian faith from infancy, he early became imbued with an earnest desire to be actively identified with church work. In 1854 he entered the Mennonite ministry, and since then has labored earnestly among the churches of Habecker's, Masonville and Mountville. His life also has been a living sermon by way of godly example, while he and his devoted wife have reared their large family "in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

Rev. Jacob K. Newcomer was married, Nov. 25, 1856, to Anna Buchwalter, who was born May 30, 1838, near Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, daughter of Jacob and Fannie (Eschbach) Buchwalter, both of whom are deceased, each dying at the age of fifty-six years. This union has been blessed with twelve children, and their grandchildren number twenty. (1) Aaron B., born March 12, 1858, died March 1, 1899; he was a farmer, and married Elizabeth Witmer. (2) Susanna B., born Nov. 25, 1859, is the wife of Benjamin Shertzer, of Millersville. (3) Anna B., born June 28, 1861, married Levi Brubaker, of New Danville. (4) John B., born Oct. 16, 1863, died in infancy. (5) Elizabeth B. (Mrs. Henry Haverstick), of Washington borough, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 15, 1865. (6) Amanda B., born Feb. 23, 1867, married Amos Martin, of Manor township. (7) Ida B., born Jan. 31,



1869), is unmarried, and lives with her parents. (8) Jacob B., born Jan. 27, 1871, is a prosperous farmer of Manor township; he married Sallie Greider. (9) Catherine B., born March 27, 1873, died in her seventeenth year. (10) Mary B., born Feb. 7, 1875, lives at home, unmarried. (11) Harvey, born June 30, 1877, died at the age of eighteen years. (12) Christian B., the youngest of the family, born Dec. 23, 1879, lives with his parents.

REESE H. DAVIS, long time a resident of Terrehill, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and belongs to one of the time-honored families of this section of the State.

Isaac Davis, his grandfather, was a minister in the Albright Church, although he was reared a Presbyterian. From him the Lancaster Davises are all descended. Isaac Davis died in Caernarvon township, Jan. 5, 1838, at the age of eighty-three years and nine months. He was a farmer, and his home was in Earl township, in which he had very extensive real estate holdings, which have since been divided into three farms. In religion he was deeply interested, and was a local minister in the Albright Church. His wife, Lydia, died Oct. 5, 1821, at the age of sixty-three years. They were blessed with a large family of children, of whom Richard, the father of Reese H., was one.

Richard Davis was a farmer in early life, and was later engaged in a mercantile business, in connection with farming in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, where he died. He was one of the leading Republicans of that part of the county, and held various local offices, such as member of the school board, and other positions. He was a liberal contributor to the churches, as well as to any project for the public good. He married Catherine (Strohm) Yundt, who by her first husband was the mother of three children: Harriet, who married Moses Wenger, is dead; Mary married Samuel Slick, and is dead; John died in Franklin county. To Mr. Davis she bore the following children: Ann, born in 1818, and was the wife of Jacob Manderbosh, died in Ohio, May 15, 1860; Isaac, born Jan. 23, 1821, died April 23, 1830; Henry, born Sept. 10, 1822, died April 10, 1853; Richard, born May 15, 1824, died Sept. 18, 1859, at Naperville, Ill.; Lydia, born Oct. 21, 1825, is the deceased wife of John W. Oberholtzer; Elmira C., born Sept. 18, 1829, died at the age of seventeen; Reese H., whose name appears at the opening of this article, was born Feb. 5, 1828; and Samuel B., born Jan. 1, 1832, is retired, and has his home in Terrehill. The father died Oct. 10, 1861, at the age of seventy-two years and six months. His widow passed to her rest March 31, 1868. He was a successful man, and became one of the most prominent citizens of his native county.

Reese H. Davis was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools. When a lad well in his teens, he learned the carpenter trade, following it, however, only a short time, and about the time

he attained his majority, in company with his brother, Richard N., he became engaged in stock dealing, handling horses and cattle for some five or six years. After this the two brothers went into Illinois, but sickness, however, compelled Reese H. to return to Lancaster county, and to go from this State to California via the Isthmus route. He spent some five years in that State, prospecting and conducting a stock ranch. His career in the Golden West was not devoid of the discomforts that attended the pioneer life of the early days, and among other dangers and perils, he had several narrow escapes from the Indians.

Mr. Davis returned to Lancaster county a second time, where he married and located at Terrehill. Here he became prominent locally, and served three years as supervisor, and three years as a member of the school board. He was engaged in a cigar manufacturing business at Terrehill for some twenty years, and at one time employed as many as thirty or forty hands in his factory. Since his retirement from the cigar shop he has devoted himself to his private affairs, and to the discharge of his duties as director in the New Holland Bank.

Mr. Davis was married, in 1863, to Miss Mary Cline, a daughter of Abner Cline. To this union have come two children: (1) Dora, who died Aug. 14, 1869, at the age of one year and seven days. (2) Richard B., who was born Nov. 4, 1868, belongs to the firm of Davis & Watts, at Terrehill, where they are extensively engaged in the mercantile business; he married Miss Margie Weaver, and is the father of two children: Mary and Reese H. Both Richard B. and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, of Terrehill, he being one of its trustees.

CHRISTIAN F. HOSTETTER, a highly esteemed and prosperous farmer of the township of East Donegal, Lancaster county, was born in Mannheim township, Aug. 6, 1837, son of Christian (2) and Catharine (Frank) Hostetter, who were born in the townships of East Donegal and Warwick, respectively.

The history of the Hostetter family begins with Jacob Hostetter, a Swiss Mennonite, who arrived in the province of Pennsylvania with his wife Anna, in 1712. They made a home on the north side of the Conestoga, within the present limits of the city of Lancaster, where he died in 1761. They had the following children: Anna, who married John Brubaker, and died in 1787, two years after her husband; John; Jacob, who died in Manor township in 1796; Barbara, who married Christ Hershey; Elizabeth, who married Christ Bomberger; Abraham, who married Catherine Long; Margaret, who married John Kreider; John, who married Elizabeth Shenk; and Catherine, who died unmarried in Manor township.

John Hostetter, son of Jacob the immigrant, married Elizabeth Shenk, as above stated. They





became the parents of the following children: Jacob, who married Maria Bachman; Ann, the wife of Christ Kauffman; John, who married Ann Kreider; Barbara, the wife of Michael Kreider; and Christian, the grandfather of our subject.

Christian Hostetter, son of John, lived in East Donegal township, and there married Catherine Kreider, who died in May, 1844, aged seventy-five years. He died Nov. 20, 1847, at the age of eighty-two years, six months and eighteen days. They were both buried in Eberly Cemetery, Mt. Joy, Pa. Their children were: Michael, who married Catherine Kauffman; Jacob, who married Anna Stauffer; John; Christian (2), the father of our subject, who was married to Catharine Franck; Catherine, who married Jacob Newcomer; Anna, who married Henry Nissley, and on his death David Brubaker; and Benjamin, who married Elizabeth Heistand.

Christian Hostetter (2), son of Christian and father of Christian F., was born Feb. 19, 1805, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in Manheim township, Jan. 28, 1879. His wife, Catharine Franck, was born Sept. 2, 1807, a daughter of John and Maria (Bourne) Franck, farming people of Warwick township. She died Dec. 20, 1886, and was buried in East Petersburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter were members of the Mennonite Church, and were thoroughly honorable and respectable people. The following children were born to them: Michael, born in September, 1832, is a retired farmer in Penn township; John is a carpenter in the city of Lancaster; Christian F.; Catherine is the widow of Isaac Stoner, Penn township; Henry is living on the old Manheim township homestead; Benjamin, born May 15, 1844, died March 18, 1862; Anna married Joseph Gochbauer, a farmer in East Hempfield township; and David is a farmer in Manheim township.

Christian F. Hostetter, the subject proper of this sketch, remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he began for himself by working some time among the neighboring farmers, and was in Whiteside county, Ill., for about seventeen months. After this visit in the West he came back to Lancaster county and continued working out among the farmers around him until after his marriage, when he came to his present place. Here his adult years have been spent, and here he is watching the shadows lengthen behind him, knowing that he has lived a good life, honest, manly and square with all. Never has he sought for show, place or power, but has been ever willing to stand in his own place, and to do the work given him.

On Nov. 28, 1867, by Bishop John Brubaker, Christian F. Hostetter was united in marriage with Barbara K. Nissley. This union was blessed with one daughter, Catherine, who married Rohrer Stoner, who farms the home place; they have had a bright little family, consisting of Ellen H., Ada H., Christian H., Mary H. (deceased), Esther H. and Isaac H.

Mrs. Barbara K. (Nissley) Hostetter was born in her late home March 4, 1840, and there she died Sept. 16, 1888, aged forty-eight years, six months and twelve days, and her remains are now resting in the Graybill Meeting House Cemetery in East Donegal township. Mrs. Hostetter was the daughter of the Rev. Peter and Catherine (Kreider) Nissley, the former a son of Christian and Anna (Snyder) Nissley. Rev. Peter Nissley was born July 22, 1802, and died Jan. 16, 1890, aged eighty-seven years, five months and twenty-four days. He was a farmer and Mennonite preacher, and moved to the present home of our subject in 1825, and passed the rest of his life there. His wife, Catherine Kreider, born Sept. 28, 1800, died July 31, 1852. Both were buried in the Graybill Meeting House cemetery. To Rev. Peter and Catherine Nissley were born the following children: Mary, who married Solomon Schwartz, and is deceased; Esther, who died single; John K., deceased, who married Mariah Reist; Leah, who married David L. Miller, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy borough; Christ W., who died unmarried; Barbara K., Mrs. Hostetter; Catherine K., who died unmarried; and Anna K., who also died unmarried.

HENRY FISHER (deceased). The history of a community is made by the substantial, public-spirited citizens of that locality, and whenever a record is made, mention must consistently be made of those who, although no longer living, still speak in the memory of their deeds. Such a man was Henry Fisher, of Lancaster, who passed away in this city, Sept. 11, 1879, and is now buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

Henry Fisher was born May 2, 1825, in Gearsdorf, France, a son of John G. and Catherine E. (Helsel) Fisher, also of Gearsdorf, but who came to America, in 1820, with their children, one of whom died on the voyage and was buried at sea. The other children were: George, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., deceased; Lewis, of York, Pa., deceased; Michael, who died in Lancaster; Henry; and Charles, a tailor of Lancaster, Pa. The father died in 1847, aged sixty-eight years, while the death of the mother occurred in 1872, when she was seventy-five years of age, and both are buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery. By occupation, the father was a tailor, and he taught his trade to all his sons.

Henry Fisher was reared in Lancaster, Pa., and learned the trade of a tailor under his father, following this calling until he purchased a grocery store, and operated it until his death, being very successful in his enterprises, and gaining the respect and esteem of all with whom he had business relations.

On Oct. 19, 1848, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage, by Rev. John C. Baker, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth Flood, born in that city, June 4, 1826, daughter of George and Anna (Messenger) Flood, of Ireland and Germany, respectively, who died when Mrs. Fisher was quite young, and who were buried in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and





Mrs. Flood were: Alexander, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Fisher; Mary, now deceased, who was the wife of Rudolph Shultz, a now prominent cigar manufacturer of the city; Margaret, deceased; and George, deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were: Henry M., a printer of Lancaster, who married Susan C. Snyder; William F., of Lancaster, and George L. (married to Kate Steever), both engaged in the grocery business established by their father, under the firm name of Fisher Bros.; and Mary E., of Westchester, Pa., married to Frank P. Thomas, a printer.

Mr. Fisher was a prominent member of all the Masonic bodies and of the order of Odd Fellows, and took an active part in these fraternities. In religious matters he was a life-long and consistent member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He always took a deep interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the city, serving at various times as a member of the city council and as school director.

Mrs. Fisher resides in her pleasant home, with her son William, surrounded by the comforts of life, and looked up to and loved, not only by her children, but eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as the whole community, where she is recognized as a lady of high Christian character, a kind neighbor and a devoted mother and grandmother.

**ROBERT A. SCOTT.** Lancaster county numbers among its citizens many influential and progressive farmers, and a good representative of this important class is Robert A. Scott, of Little Britain township, who was born June 26, 1847, a son of Robert and Martha J. (Gibson) Scott.

Alexander Scott, great-grandfather of Robert A., was a native of Ireland, and was one of the first settlers of Little Britain township, where he purchased the home now owned by Robert A. Scott.

Alexander Scott, Jr., son of the emigrant, was reared to manhood on the farm in Little Britain township.

Robert Scott, son of Alexander, Jr., and father of Robert A., was born on the old home farm in 1805, and followed farming as an occupation until his death in 1882. He married Martha J. Gibson, who was born Sept. 5, 1816, and who passed away Aug. 19, 1900. Twelve children were born of this union, eight of whom reached mature years, as follows: Mary Ann, wife of Alexander Ewing, of Oxford, Pa.; Eliza, who married Joseph Wood, of Erie, Pa., but is now deceased; Martha J., wife of James Clendenin, of Little Britain township; Harriet G., who married J. L. Walker, of Little Britain township, and is now deceased; Emma G., wife of Ellis Brown, of Little Britain township; Robert A.; Amelia, who married William Risk, of Drumore township; and Alice, wife of E. P. Housekeeper, of Fulton township.

Robert A. Scott was reared upon his father's farm, and attended the district school during the

winter months, as did all farmer boys of his day. As he grew to manhood, he continued farming, and has made that calling his life work. The homestead, which he now owns, is a fine one, consisting of 150 acres, all of which is in an advanced state of cultivation, and Mr. Scott has made many improvements. Thoroughly understanding his business, Mr. Scott has made a success of farming, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of the township.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Mary G. Cauffman, a daughter of Christopher and Emeline (Gibson) Cauffman, of Fulton township. Mrs. Scott was born Sept. 2, 1853, and was one of a family of seven children born to her parents: Lena, wife of Jeremiah Haines, of Philadelphia; Mary G., wife of Mr. Scott; Ida, wife of Fred Paxson, of Britain township; John, of Britain township; Emma, wife of Amos Nesbitt, of Fulton township; Fred, of Fulton township; and William, also of Fulton township. The parents of Mrs. Scott are of German descent and they still reside in Fulton township, where they are highly respected.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott: Blanche, born July 25, 1875, is the wife of William Hambleton, of Fulton township; Leiper, born July 21, 1878, married Florence Herr, of Fulton township, a daughter of Silas Herr (see his sketch elsewhere in this volume); Robert C., born Dec. 18, 1882; Fred L., born Jan. 8, 1885; and Frank G., born Jan. 20, 1887. Mr. Scott is a staunch Republican, and has served his party as auditor, discharging the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church, of which he and his wife are members, and they attend the Church of that denomination in Little Britain. Having always lived uprightly, being an honorable man in all his dealings, and kind and liberal in his home, Mr. Scott has gained in the highest degree the respect and esteem of his neighbors, and the friendship of the best men of the county, and the records of this locality would not be complete without a sketch of so representative a citizen.

**JAMES H. FERRY,** a retired mechanic of Colebrook township, Lancaster county, was born in Bart township, same county, May 10, 1820, his parents being Patrick and Catherine (Dugan) Ferry, both of whom were born in Donegal, Ireland.

Patrick Ferry was the son of Patrick Ferry, Sr., who came from Ireland in 1780, and located at Georgetown, Lancaster county, where his son Patrick grew to manhood. The younger Patrick followed peddling until he earned money enough to buy a farm in Bart township, where he lived until his death in 1827, at which time he left a wife and three sons, his daughter, Margaret, being born three months after his death. His widow later married Samuel Sharp, and moved with him to Kansas, where she died leaving two sons by her second marriage, Isaac, a noted lawyer now practicing his profession,



in Washington, D. C.; and J. L., still unmarried and living in Kansas.

Of the children of Patrick and Catherine Ferry, James H. was the eldest. Samuel B. born in Bart township, in 1823, married in Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked some years as a machinist, and where he died; he was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and served three years at the front, being a member of a corps of engineers formed at Philadelphia. Joseph F., the third son, born in Bart township in 1825, was sent to West Point, from which he graduated in 1846, receiving an appointment as lieutenant of artillery; during the Mexican war he was at the front, and was killed while leading the assault of the battle of Molino del Rey, known as the "Forlorn Hope," being only twenty-two years of age, and a youth of much promise. Margaret Ferry, the only daughter, born in Bart township in 1827, married William Laughan, of Gettysburg, Pa., where he was then engaged in the coach making business. Some years later, with his wife, and two children, he started on a journey to Illinois, where he intended making a home in Joliet, but with all his family was killed in a railroad wreck.

James H. Ferry received a very fair district school education, and was numbered among the bright and scholarly youths of his native town. When a young man he took up teaching, and followed it as a business for some years. In 1842 he was married to Mary M. Montgomery, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Bailey) Montgomery, one of Colerain's old families, and represented in that township since 1780. Mrs. Ferry was born in 1822. Mr. and Mrs. Ferry settled in "Dry Wells Hotel," Lancaster county, where he kept hotel until the building was destroyed by fire, when he moved to Lancaster, to take up his trade of tailoring, at which he worked in the summer season, and taught school during the winter. In 1858 he bought land and built a home. He worked at different trades, being good at tailoring, carpenter work and at stone masonry.

Mr. Ferry enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, becoming a member of Co. I, 122nd P. V. I., which regiment received its arms at Harrisburg, and was at once moved to the front under command, at first, of Gen. McClellan, and later of Gen. Burnside. It participated in the great battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and in the fighting along the Weldon Railroad, beside many skirmishes that in less important wars would rise to the dignity of noted battles. Mr. Ferry was promoted to second sergeant, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg.

Mr. Ferry returned to his wife in Colerain township, where he has maintained his home to the present time. In these years he has won a high standing for personal probity and business ability. His wife died in March, 1901, leaving him no family. They had three children, but they all died in infancy. She was long a member of the Baptist church, and lived

an upright and Christian life, and was much beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. Ferry has always voted the Republican ticket, and belongs to *Lively Post*, No. 511, G. A. R., at Quarryville. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Christiansburg, and of the lodge of Odd Fellows at Kirkwood. Mr. Ferry is one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of Colerain township, and is much respected, alike for his learning, industry and character. In his long and active life he has displayed a kind heart, and is possessed of a host of lasting friends where he is known the best.

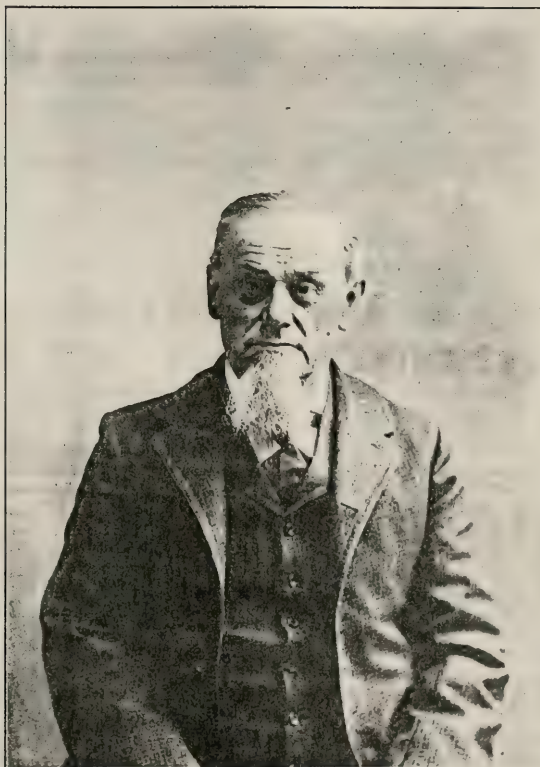
WILLIAM HARM, the enterprising and successful grocer of Columbia, was in the Fatherland, during his youth, a school teacher, having acquired a good education, and possessing a fondness for intellectual pursuits. Emigrating to America, mercantile business claimed him, and he became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Columbia, public-spirited, influential and forceful as a man of his character should be.

Mr. Harm was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, May 6, 1835, a son of John and Catherine (Wolf) Harm. The father was a lifelong farmer in Germany, and died in 1852, aged sixty-five years. His wife survived him until 1873, passing away at the age of seventy-four years. Their children were: Fred, who died in Germany; Leonard, a coal merchant, who died in Harrisburg, Pa.; John, who farms the old homestead in Germany; Christian, a machinist of Steelton, Pa.; and William.

William Harm attended school during his youth, and at the age of eighteen became a school teacher. He taught for a term of seven months, and then came to America, where a bright and prosperous future awaited him. Locating in the city of Philadelphia, he soon obtained employment in a bakery, in which he worked steadily for nine years. He then started in business for himself, and conducted a bakery at Philadelphia successfully for three years. Then removing to Columbia, he opened a grocery store, and soon became one of the reliable, substantial business men of the borough. He remained continuously in trade until 1895, when he transferred his grocery business to his son George. Upon the latter's death, in 1898, Mr. Harm again assumed control of the business, which he now conducts with the assistance of his sons Harry and John. In 1896 the Columbia Brush Company was organized as a stock company, of which, the concern failing in 1898, Mr. Harm and Thomas Edwards became the successors; they at once changed the name to the East Columbia Brush Company, which they have thus far run successfully, and not only reap wealth from it, but also give employment to a hundred men in the works and a number outside, who take material and work it up in their own homes. Mr. Harm was one of the original stockholders in the Columbia Trust Com-







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pany, and is now one of its directors. In politics he is a Democrat, but he is in no sense an office seeker. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and one of its liberal supporters. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias.

In 1863 Mr. Harm was married, in Columbia, to Miss Barbara Greene, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 15, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Greene. Her mother died in February, 1840, and four years later the father, with his two young children, Jacob (a farmer of St. Cloud, N. J.) and Barbara, came to America and settled in New York, where he died in 1871. To William and Barbara (Greene) Harm were born the following children: Emma, wife of Charles Rochow, of Columbia; Katie, who died young; Lizzie, deceased; William, who married Effie Seasholz, and is manager of the East Columbia Brush Co.; George, who married Mary Wolf, of Lancaster, and died in 1898; Rosa; Charles, deceased; Harry; Albert, a traveling salesman; John; Minna; Bertha; Mary; and Huber. Mr. Harm is another instance of the industrious, prosperous American citizens the Germans become in the land of their adoption. He not only has a beautiful home and a competency, but he has gained an enviable position as a citizen and a business man in the borough where he has resided for the past thirty-six years.

JOHN S. NAUMAN (deceased), was born in Mannheim, Lancaster county, Aug. 25, 1818, and died in Elizabethtown April 7, 1894, his remains lying at rest in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Showers) Nauman. The father, who was a farmer, died in Mannheim, and the mother's death occurred in Mt. Joy. They were members of the United Brethren Church. They had the following children, all now deceased: Susan D., who married Henry Shaffer; Mary, wife of Henry Shaffner; Rebecca; Annie; Elizabeth, wife of John Dyer; and John S.

John S. Nauman was married in Lancaster, July 10, 1842, to Annie R. Reese, by whom he had the following children: William H., of Elizabethtown; Miss Annie E., who resided with her mother in Elizabethtown; J. Wesley, who married Sophia Lehman, and is a resident of Mt. Joy township; Francis, a carpenter of Florin, this county, who married Sallie Menagh; Sampson K., who married Fanny Brown, and is a produce merchant of Topeka, Kans.; Charles J., who married Laura Harding, and is a farmer near Topeka, Kans.; Carrie A., wife of Henry Straub, of Harrisburg; James K., who married Christiana Kuhn, and is a lumberman in Elizabethtown; and George W., a farmer in Mt. Joy township, who married Lillie Wademan. Mrs. Annie R. Nauman was a native of Mountville, Pa., born Nov. 22, 1825, daughter of Sampson D. Reese, and a sister of S. D. Reese, whose history appears elsewhere.

John S. Nauman followed the honorable and la-

borious life of a blacksmith until 1892, when he retired from active labor, moving to the home where his widow resided until her death, to spend the last two years of his life. In his active days he was a man of considerable prominence in Mount Joy township, where he was engaged in farming and blacksmithing for many years. He served as tax collector there. For thirteen years he lived in Mt. Joy borough, prior to his removal to East Donegal township, where he farmed six years, and then located in Mt. Joy township, where he farmed thirty-nine years.

Mrs. Nauman's grandfather Reese was drowned at the age of forty years. Her great-grandfather Reese, who lived to be one hundred and eleven years old, passed his life near Frederick, Md. Mrs. Nauman was a lady of much character, highly esteemed by all who knew her for her industrious and exceedingly useful life, as well as her amiable disposition and kind heart. She passed away March 17, 1901.

ABRAHAM S. RHOADS. Among the prominent, substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Maytown was Abraham S. Rhoads, who was born in Conestoga township, a son of George and Elizabeth (Sweger) Rhoads, of Epho township, both of whom died in East Donegal, the former on the farm to which he had moved, in 1841, and the mother in Maytown. The father was born in 1801, and died in September, 1854, while the mother survived until June, 1885, dying at the age of eighty-four years. Both were worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and are buried in the old Maytown cemetery. Children, as follows, were born to their marriage: Abraham S.; Fanny, who married George M. Lutz; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Hoffman, a farmer of Conoy township; Mary, who married Henry Sherk, deceased; Levi, a farmer of Eden township; and Susannah, widow of Christ Brandt (he died Oct. 7, 1891, aged fifty-three, and she resided in Maytown with her brother Abraham); and George, a farmer of East Donegal township.

Abraham S. Rhoads was reared on the farm and attended the schools of his district, remaining with his parents as their comfort in their declining years. After the death of his father he conducted the farm for ten more years, and then moved into Maytown. In 1865, where he lived retired until his death, Sept. 28, 1901. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and was one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rhoads was known as an upright man and excellent citizen.

NATHANIEL S. GROFF, whose home is in Mannheim township, a mile and a quarter east of Petersburg, was born March 25, 1841, in the old homestead. When eight years of age he went to live with his sister, Mrs. George Shriner, on the farm where he has since made his home, until he was ready to begin operations for himself. His education was



gained in the common and Normal schools. When he was fifteen he went West with his brother Samuel, who bought a drove of cattle in Ohio, which they drove through to Lancaster county, young Nathaniel walking the most of the way, and leading an ox at the head of the herd.

When he was nineteen Mr. Groff formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Shriner, and went alone to Ohio, to buy a drove of cattle, which he brought back unassisted. This was the laying of the foundation of a prosperous career, as the venture was quite a success. His entire attention was given for some years to the droving business, bringing cattle to the Lancaster markets. After a few years in the cattle business he associated himself with his brother-in-law in farming. Farming and stock dealing have seemed to go so well together that Mr. Groff has combined them all his life. With his brother Abraham he bought the family homestead, and has purchased his own farm of 113 acres, which is one of the fine places of the county. Mr. Groff buys and packs tobacco, and has a warehouse on his farm, handling much stock yearly. He also grows tobacco extensively, and has met with success in this branch of farming.

A public-spirited man, he has been a stockholder in several of the banking enterprises of the county, and also in other enterprises, such as the Penn Turnpike Company. A staunch Republican, he takes an active interest in politics.

Mr. Groff was married, March 25, 1871, to Miss Mary, daughter of Israel Groff, of Eden, and they have one child, George, who married Miss Mary Haverstick, by whom he has two children, Paulina and Leon. Mrs. Groff and the son are members of the Lutheran Church.

AARON EDWARD REIST, cashier of the Conestoga Traction Company, and sole manager of the Conestoga Park Amusements, is one of the best known figures in Lancaster. His ancestors came to America from Germany, and were among the very earliest settlers of Lancaster county. But one family of Reists came across the water, and from them all the Reists in this section are descended.

Abraham Reist, grandfather of Aaron E., was born near Manheim, Lancaster county, where he died, on the old homestead where his father had lived before him. His son, Aaron E., father of Aaron E., of Lancaster, is now living between Manheim and Lititz, where he is leading a practically retired life. He married Anna Zook, daughter of John Zook, a farmer, and to them came three sons: Nathan E., a school teacher in Lititz; Amos E., a contracting builder, of Pittsburg; and A. Edward, of Lancaster.

Aaron Edward Reist was born in Manheim, in 1859, and was educated in the public schools of the district. Leaving school when sixteen years of age, young Reist became a clerk in the dry-goods house of George S. Danner, of Manheim. When he had

clerked there a short time he took a business course at the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he engaged with Stawbridge & Clothier, at Philadelphia. For two years he remained with them, and then spent eleven years in the dry-goods house of Givler, Bowers & Hurst. At the expiration of this prolonged period he connected himself with Watt & Shand, at the New York Store, Lancaster, but failing health compelled him to give up his work and seek an out-door life. When he had partially regained his health Mr. Reist entered the service of the Traction Company, and by the advice of his physician ran on the line four months. By this time his health was again normal, and he was taken into the office of the company, where he has been cashier for nine years, and for the past four years manager of the Conestoga Park Amusements, which are under the auspices of the Traction Company. All the money of the company passes through his hands, and all employees are paid by him. As a manager of attractive amusements his ability is known to the community, and in every position in which he is placed those whose interests he serves are delighted with his able and attentive management of the duties intrusted to him.

Mr. Reist was married, in 1884, to Miss Rettie, daughter of William Laverty, the principal employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Leaman Place for forty years. To this union were born two children, Anna and Georgia, both attending the Girls' High School at Lancaster.

Mr. Reist is a Presbyterian, belonging to the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Malta, the Royal Arcanum, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In these and in various other circles he is most highly esteemed.

EMANUEL H. ZERCHER, a resident of Conestoga Center, was born April 17, 1854, and was a lad of nine years when his father died. He lived with his grandfather until he arrived at the age of fourteen, when he started out in life for himself. For one year he worked for his uncle, David Nissley, and then went to work on his mother's farm, where he remained two years. From there he went with Milo Herr, and worked for him one year, when he again returned to his mother's place in Providence township and did general work. He then went with Abraham H. Schock to learn the tinsmith's trade, and worked for him four years. After farming Benjamin Kneisley's farm for three years, he bought out the business of A. H. Schock at Safe Harbor, and carried on the business for one year, when he removed to Conestoga Center to engage in the same line, and he still carries it on.

On Dec. 2, 1877, Emanuel H. Zercher married Mary A. Kneisley, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Kneisley, residents of Conestoga township. Mr. and Mrs. Zercher had eight children, as follows: Benjamin F., at home single; John C., of Conestoga





Center; Emma L., wife of Charles Kreider; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Clara A., at home, single; Andrew and Ezra, deceased; and Anna M., at home.

Mr. Zercher is a Republican, and has always taken an active part in the political affairs of the county. He was a county committeeman for three years; a school director for six years, from 1893 to 1900; and was appointed justice of the peace in 1898, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of P. C. Hiller. He is a member of O. A. K. of M. C., Conestoga Lodge, No. 178, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now recording scribe. Mr. and Mrs. Zercher are consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, and have been such since 1879. They are highly estimated in their community and enjoy the friendship of a wide circle.

**HENRY H. WITMEYER**, a general merchant and representative citizen of Penryn, Pa., is a descendant of one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.

David Witmeyer, the great-grandfather of Henry H., was an emigrant to America from Germany, and he founded the family in Lancaster county. His son, David, was born in the western part of this county, Jan. 31, 1800, and became a carpenter by trade, and also understood the intricacies of watchmaking. The greater part of his life was spent in carpenter work, and his death occurred April 7, 1851. He married Miss Elizabeth Hummer, and they were the parents of eight children: John, deceased; David; Jacob; Aaron, a watchmaker in Indiana; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Shaffer, of Shafterstown; Priscilla, the wife of Jacob Shue; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Plasterer; and Anna, who died at the age of twenty years.

David Witmeyer, the father of Henry H., was born on April 13, 1832, and early in life he learned the trade of watchmaking, following this all his life, and being recognized as a very skillful workman. His death occurred on July 28, 1861. His wife, Susanna Hummer, bore him three children, the oldest one dying in infancy; Jeremiah H., a miller in White Oak, Pa., and Henry H.

Henry H. Witmeyer was born at Penryn, Nov. 17, 1857. When he was four years old, his father died, and he lived with his mother until he was twelve years of age, attending school. At this time he began to learn the cigarmaking trade with David Kauffman, continuing for one year. From there he went to Manheim, where he worked at cigarmaking for three years during summer seasons and attended Manheim high school during winter seasons. At this time he accepted a position as clerk in the general store in Cornwall, conducted by David Kauffman. Here he remained for two years, and spent the two following years at Millway, in the store of Simon Eisenberger, going from there to Clay, where he was the valued clerk for George Steinmetz for three years.

Mr. Witmeyer then returned to his native place

and embarked in the cigar business, also opening up a mercantile line, three years later purchasing the business where he is now located. His long experience in the mercantile business, under wise and successful merchants, enabled Mr. Witmeyer to become thoroughly instructed in this business, both as to buying and selling. This has been demonstrated by his success, and he has now one of the most complete general store stocks in the county, and a lucrative trade. In politics Mr. Witmeyer is an ardent Republican, and in 1886, he was appointed postmaster, efficiently filling the office at the present time, holding also the position of deputy coroner. Mr. Witmeyer is one of the most progressive citizens of this community, taking a just pride in adding to the prosperity of this section, in proof of which, he has erected some ten of the finest residences in the town, worthy in every way to decorate a much larger borough.

The marriage of Mr. Witmeyer was to Miss Dora A. Gross; to them were born six children: David, who died at the age of fourteen years; Sadie S.; Elsie G.; Gertrude G.; Chester G.; and Harry G.; a family of beautiful and intelligent young people who reflect credit not only upon their parents but also upon the prosperous village of their birth.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LANDIS**, the widely known shoe merchant at Nos. 28-30 South Queen street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family.

Jacob D. Landis, the father of Benjamin F., was a son of Benjamin Landis, a farmer in Montgomery county, where he died full of years and honor. Jacob D. Landis is still a well preserved man, and bears his years so lightly that he is able to render his son assistance in his business. He came to Lancaster when he was only nineteen years of age, and made a home in Manor township. Later in life he married Elizabeth Conrad, the daughter of Daniel Conrad, a hotel keeper at New Danville, the place bearing his name because he owned the land on which it was established. The union of Jacob D. Landis and Elizabeth Conrad was blessed with eleven children, of whom now survive, as follows: Jacob H., shipping clerk for Long & Davidson, of Lancaster; Mary S., the wife of Daniel Volrath, a salesman for the A. & P. Tea Co., of Lancaster; Sarah, the wife of Henry Brennerman, of Pequea; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Fager, of Columbia; Elvina, the wife of Henry Killian, of Lancaster; Emma, unmarried and at home; and Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin Landis was born at Slackwater, Pa., April 3, 1857, and acquired his education in the public schools of Pequea. When he was eighteen years of age he left school to become an apprentice at shoemaking in a shop at New Danville, in which he spent three years. When he had mastered his trade he worked at it a year and a half in Lansdale, Montgomery county, and for three years in Millersville. Mr. Landis was connected with the



shoe house of Shaub & Brother in Lancaster, for seven years, where he developed so much ability as a salesman, and won so many friends by his genial ways and accommodating disposition, that he felt warranted in starting in business for himself. In the fall of 1889 he opened a shoe store at No. 37 South Queen street. His business was transferred after a year and a half to Nos. 12-14 South Queen street, where it remained five years, and was then removed to its present commodious quarters at Nos. 28-30 South Queen street. The entire building is occupied by Mr. Landis, both as a store and a residence, and here he enjoys a most excellent trade.

Mr. Landis was married to Mary D., a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shuman, the former of whom is now deceased. One child has blessed this union, Edna, who is now at home with her parents. Mr. Landis belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Knights of Malta, the Jr. O. U. A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion he is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, of which he was a trustee and steward for several years. He is a thorough business man, prompt in all his dealings, and courteous and kind to all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN H. BLETZ (deceased), a popular conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, and an honored resident of Columbia, was born in that city, March 10, 1830, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Bletz, also natives of Lancaster county, the former born in Mountville, the latter in Mannheim. Soon after their marriage they located in Columbia, where the father conducted a grocery store. He died March 6, 1895, aged forty-one years, his wife, April 6, 1867, also aged forty-one. To them were born six children, namely: Mary J., who died young; Harriet A., wife of James Crowther, manager of the Columbia Opera House; John H.; Susan B., deceased wife of John Hernizer, a railroad man; Benjamin F., who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Anna L., who died at the age of thirty-one. The grandparents of John H. Bletz were Jacob and Mary Bletz, and David and Susan Mellinger, all residents of Lancaster county.

During his boyhood John H. Bletz clerked in his uncle's store at Columbia, and later spent some time in the West. Subsequently he accepted a position as conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad running from Philadelphia, and remained a trusted employe of the company up to the time of his death, which occurred March 20, 1898. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, fraternally affiliated with the Order of Railway Conductors and the Knights of Malta; and religiously was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He commanded the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life, and had a host of warm personal friends.

On Nov. 25, 1875, in Columbia, Mr. Bletz mar-

ried Miss Naomi Hart, by whom he had one son, Ira M., who is clerking in a laundry in Columbia and resides with his mother. Mrs. Bletz is a native of Drumore township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Newport) Hart, of Pequea, same county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1877, aged sixty-seven years, the mother, in 1895, aged eighty-one, and their remains were interred at Clearfield, Pa. Religiously they were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were Hester, wife of Frank Birds, of Frenchtown, Md.; Susan, wife of Washington Walker, of West Hempfield township, this county; Mary, widow of Eland Crider and a resident of Wilmington, Del.; Sarah, wife of John Grable, of Drumore township, this county; John, who is living retired in that township; Barbara and Harry, both deceased; and Naomi, now Mrs. Bletz.

JOHN F. HAINES. It is a happy conjunction of callings which combine farming and hotel keeping, inasmuch as in the latter capacity a person has the constant demand for the delicacies produced from the garden, and in the former a ready means of supplying such demand, as was the case with John F. Haines, ex-hotel keeper and retired farmer of Spring Garden, Salisbury township.

John F. Haines is a native of Salisbury township, born Aug. 20, 1853, son of Stephen and Mary A. (Place) Haines, the former of whom was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 21, 1817, was a farmer by occupation, and died Oct. 8, 1894. Mrs. Mary A. Haines was born Dec. 20, 1818, and died March 7, 1889. Stephen Haines was a highly respected and popular citizen, served as township supervisor for many terms, and was classed with the solid men of his locality. The remains of Stephen and his wife were interred in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery, of which church they were members. Their children were ten in number: Christian, who died in infancy; Hannah E., wife of Frederick B. Wilson, a retired marble manufacturer, of Covington, Ind.; George W., deceased; James S., also deceased; William D., a farmer at Newport, Ind.; John F., of this sketch; Alfred A., a farmer in Salisbury township; Clement H., deceased; Minnie E., deceased, wife of William Shirk; and Eva J., unmarried, and living in Lancaster.

At the age of twenty-two years John F. Haines rented a farm in Salisbury township and cultivated it until 1869, when he abandoned the calling and rented the "Spring Garden Hotel," which he conducted one year and then retired to his present home. His marriage took place in New Holland, Pa., Feb. 13, 1883, to Miss Sallie Shirk, and to this union have been born six children, in the following order: Chester S., Lida M., Ruth J., Mable F., Elva M. and Minnie E.

Mrs. Sallie (Shirk) Haines was born in West Earl township, Lancaster county, Jan. 25, 1853, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Beltz) Shirk,





prominent agricultural people of Lancaster county. Samuel Shirk retired from the cares and duties of agricultural life somewhat late in life; his wife died Sept. 11, 1882, at the age of fifty-seven years, after which Mr. Shirk resided with Mr. and Mrs. Haines, until his death in 1897, at the ripe age of seventy-four. Mr. Shirk and his wife were devout members of the Blue Ball German Baptist Church, and their remains were interred in its cemetery. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Wilson, who died in infancy; Anna E., who is married to W. A. Warner, of Reading; Sallie, now Mrs. John F. Haines; Kate, wife of Isaac Taylor; Isaac, a farmer in Eoel township; John, a carpenter in Philadelphia; and Harry, a traveling salesman of Butler, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sallie (Shirk) Haines were Peter and Martha Shirk, prominent people of Lancaster county.

John F. Haines is a substantial and honored citizen of Salisbury township, and has secured for himself an ample competency. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1897 was register of his township.

GEORGE W. WALTON, who is at once the merchant, postmaster and telegraph operator at Falmouth, Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in that township, Feb. 22, 1853, son of David C. and Anna (Kinney) Walton, natives of New Holland, York county, and of Lancaster county, respectively.

David C. Walton was a farmer until the last five years, when he became a track walker for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was killed while engaged in the performance of his duty, Sept. 17, 1899, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Falmouth. His widow, Anna Kinney, who was born in 1849, is living in Falmouth. Early in life they became connected with the Bethel Church, and their industrious habits and upright character cast no discredit upon their faith. The children born to them were: George W., of whom mention is made later in this sketch; Mary M., widow of Daniel Bryan, living at home; and Edgar W., a mail agent, living at Harrisburg.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Walton were Hiram and Mary (Dunkel) Walton, natives of Chester county, who died in York county, where they had long followed an agricultural life. Mr. Walton's maternal grandparents were George C. and Anna Kinney, who were born in York county, but moved to Lancaster county in 1848, and there near the village of Bainbridge, in Conoy township, engaged in farming.

George W. Walton and Mary B. Keller were united in marriage June 11, 1884, in Harrisburg. Mrs. Walton was born in Lock Haven, Pa., a daughter of John and Mary (Bricker) Keller, both born in Bainbridge, Lancaster county. For many years her father was a merchant, and in his later years an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in

Harrisburg in 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. Mrs. Keller is still living, and makes her home with Mrs. Walton. Both father and mother were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: Frank, a railroad man in Harrisburg; Mary; Elmer, also in the railroad employ; Harvey, a manufacturer and wholesale dealer in medicine; Bertha, wife of Louis Bridgeon, a merchant in Harrisburg.

Mr. Walton's grandparents were all farming people, and natives of Lancaster county, where their entire lives were spent.

George Walton remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight, when he established his own home. At the age of nineteen years he began learning the art of telegraphy, and spent his first year in that study in Bainbridge, and then worked at the telegrapher's desk in Parkesburg, Ronks, Dillerville, Harrisburg, Highspire, Steelton and Middle Town Branch, effecting a permanent location at Collins in the spring of 1884. In 1886 he was appointed the village postmaster, a position he has retained to the present time, and one in which he is very popular.

Mr. Walton is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., and the K. of G. E., taking much interest in the successful working of these orders, and holding from time to time various official positions. In his politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the leading citizens of this part of the county.

JACOB H. ENGLE (deceased), was born in Rapho township, June 14, 1850, and came to the farm where his family now reside March 27, 1890, and there he died March 13, 1900. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township.

Rev. Henry and Fannie (Hoover) Engle, his parents, were of East Donegal township, and moved to the present Engle homestead in 1860. There the father lived retired for forty years, a successful and prominent farmer, and for about fifty years an active and influential minister of the Brethren in Christ. When he died Jan. 12, 1896, he was aged eighty-eight years, two months and six days. His wife died in 1881, and they were buried in the cemetery connected with the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township. Rev. Henry and Fannie Engle had the following children: Noah H., a farmer in Abilene, Kans.; Mary H. died in 1861, unmarried; Michael H. is a retired farmer in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Sarah H. lives in Maytown, the widow of Christian Hershey; Ann H. is unmarried, and has her home in Mt. Joy; Eli H. is a farmer in Mt. Joy; John H., who is engaged in the butcher business at Mt. Joy; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Engle was married in January, 1871, in Rapho township, to Harriet Missemmer, by whom he had the following family: Norman M., a farm foreman at Woodland, Cal., and as yet unmarried; Dr. Howard M., of San Francisco; Walter M., at



home; Joseph M., deceased; Henry J., at home; Robert M., deceased; Fanny G., M. Lena, Bertha M. and Bruce Q. C., all at home.

Mrs. Harriet Engle was born in Rapho township, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Gantz) Missener. They were both born and reared in Lancaster county. Jacob Missener followed the milling business until his death in 1883, at the age of sixty-six; his widow died in 1890, at the age of sixty-seven. Their remains rest in the burying ground of the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Susan, who married Rev. David Wohlgenuth, now a retired farmer and a Dunkard preacher at Florin; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Gruber, a farmer in Rapho township; Kate, widow of Henry G. Snyder, with her home in Mt. Joy; Henry, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Henry Martin, a farmer in East Donegal township; Mattie, who married David Brant, of Mt. Joy township; Anna, wife of Samuel Witmer, of Rapho township; Jacob, Henry, David, Adam, William, Joseph and Frederick, who all died in infancy; Harriet, Mrs. Engle; Louise, who married Dr. W. B. Thome, of Mt. Joy township, whose sketch may be found on another page; and Mary, who married Edward Boyd, of Manheim.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Engle were Jacob and Lena (Hoeman) Missener, who were born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Lancaster county in an early day. Jacob Missener married, for his second wife, a Miss Kraybill, of Lancaster county.

Jacob H. Engle, who was a farmer all his life, remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to a farm in Chiques Creek, where he remained twenty-seven years. His next move was to the farm where his family is now living. Mr. Engle was in his life time a man of character and standing in the community, where his industry, integrity, and simple and unaffected manliness commanded ready recognition, and won a host of friends. For three years he was a school director. For many years he followed tobacco buying, and met with much success. Connected with no church, he was a man of fine character and absolute integrity, much beloved and esteemed by all who knew him. His legacy to his children was, above all, a good name and a spotless reputation.

ROBERT C. LINTON, an elderly farmer in Colerain township, was born in East Drumore township, in September, 1844, a son of Alexander and Margaret (Glackin) Linton.

Alexander Linton was born in Ireland, and his wife, who was a daughter of John Glackin, in Drumore, Lancaster county. After his marriage Mr. Linton settled on a wild wooded farm in East Drumore township, which is now owned by his son, James, and good buildings and thorough cultivation have made this one of the fine farm homes of that

section. Here Alexander Linton died in 1863, and his widow in 1899. They were members of the Presbyterian and Catholic churches. Mr. Linton was a staunch Democrat, and a Union man during the war. Of their family of six sons and two daughters, four are living: Mary and Rachel died young; John and Augustus died in early manhood; Sylvester, the eldest living son, married Eliza Linton, of Lancaster county, and they now reside on his farm adjoining the old homestead, and have a family of four children: John, Mary, (who married Benjamin Draugher, of Bart township), Augustus and Anna; James, who is now living on the old homestead, where he was born, is still single; Jasper, born at the East Drumore home, went to Iowa, when a young man, where he married and settled (he is the father of three sons); and Robert C.

Robert C. Linton was born and reared on the old home, attended the district school after the usual farmer fashion of the time, working on the place during the summer season, and attending school in the winter. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Co. G, 1st Battalion, P. V. I., at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, where the command was drilled and prepared for service. They did duty at Chambersburg, and were then marched to Hagerstown, Md., where they went into camp until assigned to special duty at Philadelphia, being set to guarding deserters and drafted men in that city. They were mustered out in Harrisburg, Jan. 4, 1864.

Mr. Linton returned home and worked on his father's farm until his marriage, Feb. 24, 1870, to Miss Fannie Booher, a daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Mercer) Booher. Mrs. Fannie Linton was born in November, 1848, and when she was still young her parents moved into the city of Lancaster, where their children might be educated. Mr. Booher was a miller, and worked at his trade in different mills in the county until 1861, when he moved to the Puseyville Mills, where he was employed until 1871, when he died. His widow survived until 1891. Of their family of seven children, six are living: Handford died in Christiana; Ross W., born in Chester county, lives in Christiana; Walter E., born in Chester county, married and resides in Philadelphia; Henrietta married Thomas Carpenter (deceased), of Philadelphia, and they had one daughter, May; Josephine married Joseph Barkley, of Chester county; Adaline married Bayard Stott, and lives in Philadelphia; and Fannie married Mr. Linton.

Mr. and Mrs. Linton settled on the old Linton homestead, where they lived for seven years. In 1870 he bought the Dr. Dare farm in Colerain township, where he has since erected a large bank barn, wagon sheds and other outbuildings, improving the house, also, and making the place one of the most desirable homes of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Linton have come seven children: Lina, born in December, 1870, married Walter Scott, of Bart township, and they live in Strasburg township; they have no family. Oliver J., born in 1872, married Miss





Sadie Eckman, of Quarryville, and lives in Christiana; they have one son, Claude C. Margaret, born in August, 1873, died Dec. 6, 1902. Ada N., born in July, 1877, married Harry Groff, of Georgetown, and had one son, Uhler, who died Oct. 17, 1901. Edgar A., born in August, 1879, is single, and at home. J. Clyde was born in May, 1881. Robert G. was born in August, 1884.

Mr. Linton has always taken an independent position in politics. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church. They are well-off, highly respected and have always been closely identified with the best interests of East Drumore and Colerain townships. The farm shows a thrift characteristic of the Linton family.

**WILLIAM O. MARSHALL**, one of the best known and most popular men in Lancaster, is one of the oldest surviving members of a family that has long been associated with the city's business interests. For many years he was associated with his father in the shoe trade in Centre square, and, after his father's death, conducted the business himself, but he is now living retired—that is, retired from active business pursuits, although he is kept well occupied in looking after his private interests, as well as the interests of the church, of which he is so devoted a member. Mr. Marshall was born in Philadelphia Oct. 12, 1840, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall. His grandfather Marshall, with two of his brothers, came to Lancaster at an early day.

James Marshall was a shoemaker. He married and located in Philadelphia, in which city he worked at his trade until 1844, when he returned to Lancaster and became a manufacturer and retailer. In 1865, his son, William O., became a partner, the firm name being J. Marshall & Son. James Marshall, now deceased, but who lived to advanced age, was an active member of St. John's Free Episcopal Church for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria Okeson, was a native of Lancaster, a daughter of John Okeson, who came from England. The mother died at the age of seventy years, leaving a family of six children, three of whom are living: William O., George A. and Lizzie C.

William O. Marshall obtained a good common school education, and at the age of thirteen was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade. He served five years, and then became foreman in the composing room of the *Evening Express*, which position he held for two years, at the end of which time he entered Franklin and Marshall College. He remained in college three years, until the close of the Sophomore year. This was during the war of the Rebellion, and he enlisted in the Union army. After the war he took up his trade on the *Express* and other journals.

In 1868 Mr. Marshall wedded Miss Mary Richards, daughter of the late Luther Richards, of Lancaster, who was one of the founders of the *Examiner and Herald*, and was prominent not only as a journalist, but as a Republican, that party having

elected him to some of the most important positions in the gift of the county. By his marriage with Miss Richards, Mr. Marshall became the father of two children: Elizabeth R., a graduate of the high school, who married John S. Thackeray, of Philadelphia; and Charles L., also a graduate of the high school, and business college, and now bookkeeper for the extensive clothing house of S. M. Myers & Company. Charles L. Marshall married Miss M. Louise Stamm, daughter of Frederick Stamm, the inventor, whose interesting sketch will be found elsewhere. He is a Mason, being senior warden of Blue Lodge, No. 43, and he belongs to the chapter, council and commandery.

William O. Marshall is a Republican in politics, and served two years in the common council from the Third ward. In 1877, he was elected a member of the school board, and two years later he moved into the Fifth ward, and was re-elected. In 1879 he was made treasurer of the school board, and held that position for more than twenty years. He was also the receiver of school tax for many years. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and has held all of the chairs, and was at one time Deputy District Grand High Priest. In religious connection he is a member of St. John's Free Episcopal Church, and has been one of the vestrymen for an ordinary life time.

**PETER O. ELSER**, one of the representative citizens of Clay township, was born March 18, 1831, in this township, a son of Samuel and Catherine Elser, both deceased.

Peter Elser, the great-grandfather of Peter O. Elser, was born in 1700, and he left a son, also Peter, the grandfather from whom our subject takes his name. Grandfather Elser was a farmer in Elizabeth township, and was twice married. Two sons, John and George, were born to the first union, and one son, Samuel, and four daughters, by the second marriage, these being: Catherine, Rebecca, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Samuel Elser was born in 1812, and died May 4, 1879. He married in Clay township, and had a family of ten children, as follows: Miss Mary Ann; Rebecca, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Solomon Eberly, of Clay township; Catherine and Susan, twins, the latter of whom died at the age of fifty-two years, the former the wife of William Ramig; Peter O.; Hannah, the wife of Henry Mellinger, a resident of Brickerville, Pa.; Fannie, the wife of Zocher Fory, of Clay township; John, a resident of Harrisburg; and Adeline, deceased.

Peter O. Elser was reared on the farm, and was educated in the public schools. Although he has engaged in farming to some degree all his life, he has also had other important lines of business. He learned the carpenter's trade, and for several years worked as a mill carpenter. All of his ventures in a business line have prospered, as he possesses the





proper qualifications to insure success. Mr. Elser is one of the leading Democrats in his township, and has most efficiently filled a number of the local offices. He has been a delegate to State conventions a number of times, and is an effective party worker. Mr. Elser has performed the duties of supervisor and school director with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the tax payers in his township.

On Nov. 26, 1871, Mr. Elser was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Weit, daughter of Henry Weit, of Clay township, and two children were born to this union: Lillie, the wife of J. W. Gerhart, of Clay township; and Samuel W., living unmarried, at home, the carrier of the U. S. mail between Ephrata, Clay and Hopeland. Mr. Elser and family are highly esteemed in Clay township. He is known as one of the reliable and honored citizens who truly represent this important portion of Lancaster county.

**FRANK SHILOTT**, deceased. Germany has given to America many of her most estimable and prominent citizens. Biographical records in the United States present many examples of young men from the Fatherland who to better their conditions have come strangers to a strange land, and, with no advantages, have by the mere force of their native talents won success and a prominent place among the people of their adopted land. Prominent among these must be mentioned the late Frank Shillott. He was never a shirk. The eminence he attained was the result of honest and untiring effort, and he was a most highly esteemed resident of Columbia, where he lived retired from active business duties. He was born in Rheinpfalz, Germany, June 21, 1827, son of Frank and Victoria (Glaubeau) Shillott, natives of Germany of French extraction, and grandson of John Shillott, a native of France.

Frank Shillott, who was a butcher and drover by trade, came to America in 1842, and settled in New Orleans, La., but within a year he fell a victim to fever and died at the age of forty-one years. His widow, Mrs. Victoria (Glaubeau) Shillott, emigrated to America in 1853, the year after her son Frank had crossed the ocean. She settled at Columbia, Pa., and died of cholera in 1884, aged fifty-three years. The family of Frank and Victoria Shillott consisted of the following children: Victoria, widow of Joseph Kelp, of Columbia; Charles, who died at Columbia; Frank, whose name opens this sketch; Katie, who married Michael Thomas, and died at Columbia; John, a butcher at Marietta, Lancaster county, now deceased; and Thesbia, widow of Peter Dersch, a blacksmith.

Frank Shillott, at the age of ten years, entered his father's butcher shop in Germany. In 1849 he entered the German army, but after three years' service, having tired of military life, he ran away. Coming to New York friendless and alone, he secured employment in a butcher shop in that city, and three months later came to Columbia, Pa., accepting for a time whatever employment he could secure. Then

for three years he worked at the butcher business, for Harry Minnich, after which he embarked in the business for himself, continuing thus most successfully for seventeen years. Mr. Shillott then commenced a general store at Columbia for three years, at the end of which time he withdrew to a farm, and in addition to agricultural pursuits he also followed butchering for fourteen years. He subsequently lived in retirement, enjoying the leisure which he had so well earned, until his death, which occurred June 5, 1902. Mr. Shillott was one of the organizers of the Central National Bank of Columbia, of which he served as a director from the beginning until his decease. He was highly esteemed in the locality where he had passed the greater part of his useful life.

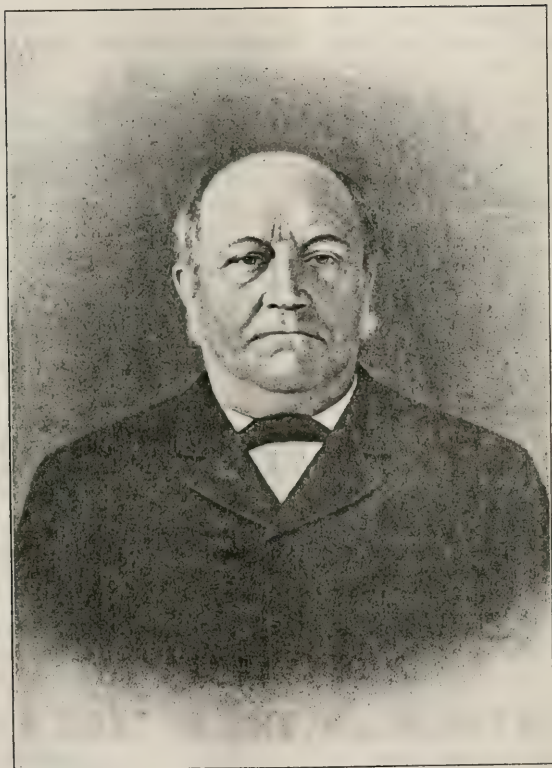
In February, 1855, Mr. Shillott married Catherine Schroeder, who was born in Baiern, Germany, in April, 1825; daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Schwautz) Schroeder, of Marksteinhook, Germany, and granddaughter of Andrew Schroeder. Her father, who was a brickmaker, died in 1827; Barbara, his wife, lived until 1840. Their children were: John, who died at Baltimore, Md.; Barbara, deceased; George John, who came to America and has not since been heard from; and Catherine, widow of Frank Shillott. Mrs. Shillott came to America in 1851, and settled at Columbia. To Mr. and Mrs. Shillott were born four children, namely: Caroline, of Newark, N. J., is the widow of H. L. Snyder; she has two children, Katharine M. and Florence P. Franklin, proprietor of a hotel at Columbia, married Katie Ament, and has eight children, Martin, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Charles, Stella, William, Edward and Regina. Catharine M., widow of John W. Swartz, a prominent butcher of Columbia, has one child, Lillian Marie. Charles died in Denver, Colo., Aug. 28, 1901.

Mr. Shillott was a member of Trinity Catholic Church. In politics he was always a Democrat. By his many sterling qualities and industrious application to business he gained a goodly competence, and was a representative citizen and a typical self-made man. His increased means, however, were not followed by ostentatious display. He retained the plain, simple manners of his early years, and held the esteem and regard of all who knew him.

**JEREMIAH H. WITMEYER**, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Penryn, Pa., now engaged in the milling business, is a worthy descendant from an honorable Lancaster county family.

David Witmeyer, his great-grandfather, came to America from Germany and settled in Lancaster county at a very early day. His son, David (2), the grandfather of J. H., was born in this county Jan. 31, 1800, and he combined the trades of watchmaker and carpenter, working principally at the latter trade. His death was on April 7, 1851. His wife was Elizabeth Hummer, and they had a family of eight chil-





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dren: John, who died young; David, who was the father of J. H., of this sketch; Jacob; Aaron, a watchmaker in Indiana; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Shaffer, of Shafterstown; Priscilla, the wife of Jacob Shue; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Plasterer; and Anna, who died at the age of twenty years.

David Witmeyer (3), was born April 13, 1832, and in early life he learned the trade of watchmaker and followed the same through life. On Oct. 11, 1855, he was married to Susannah Hummer, and his death took place on July 28, 1861. Their children were three in number, the two survivors being Jeremiah H., of this sketch; and Henry H., the successful merchant of Penryn.

Jeremiah H. Witmeyer was born in Penn township Dec. 24, 1859. He was but one and one-half years old when his father died, and he remained with his mother until he neared twenty. His education was obtained in the district schools of the township. Later he learned the cigarmaking trade with his brother, continuing to work at it for over five years, becoming then associated with his brother in the mercantile business in Penryn. Here he remained until 1900, since which time he has been occupied in milling and farming. In 1894 he purchased the mill property at White Oak, and has since resided there. Mr. Witmeyer is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and is one of the leading citizens of his neighborhood. His friends are numerous and he is known to be a man of the highest integrity as well as a citizen of public-spirit.

The marriage of Mr. Witmeyer was to Miss Lizzie Arndt, who was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Arndt, and to this union were born ten children: Lillie A., Emma A., Susan A., Mary A., Aaron A., Lottie A., Annie A., and Essie A., and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Witmeyer have these bright young people with them yet, all receiving the best of educational advantages. Few families in this locality are more highly esteemed.

**JOHN S. KREITER, M. D.** Prominently identified with the interests of Akron borough where he is known and most highly esteemed, is Dr. John S. Kreiter, who was born near Lititz, Pa., Nov. 25, 1852, and for many years has been the faithful and successful physician in the majority of the old families of this part of the county.

Christian Kreiter, his grandfather, was a prosperous farmer who was located near Lititz, and near this place Dr. Kreiter was born and reared, a son of Solomon and Maria (Grossman) Kreiter.

Solomon Kreiter was born in April, 1827, and died on May 8, 1863, at the early age of thirty-six. In November, 1847, he married Maria Grossman, and to this union eight children were born: Jacob, the present assessor of Warwick township, resides at Lititz; Catherine, born in 1851, died in childhood; John S.; James E., born in 1856, died in 1884; David Henry and Henry David, twins, born in 1858, are thriving farmers of Lancaster county; Martha mar-

ried L. H. Weisler, of Clay township; and Solomon, Jr., died in infancy.

Dr. Kreiter was reared on a farm and passed his boyhood there, attending the common schools, Lititz Academy and later the Normal Schools at Millersville and Indiana, Pa. In 1879 he began the study of medicine, under Dr. J. C. Brobst, graduating from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city in 1882, the same year locating at Akron, where he has since practiced his profession with success.

On Oct. 15, 1885, Dr. Kreiter was married to Miss Carrie L. Zentmyer, of Lititz, daughter of Benjamin and Caroline (Sands) Zentmyer, and to this union have been born two sons and three daughters: Irene A., born Dec. 28, 1886; John E., born Nov. 6, 1888, died Jan. 20, 1889; Robert Ellsworth, born Jan. 28, 1890; Maud Victoria, born Nov. 22, 1892; and Josephine Alberta, born July 11, 1901.

In his political belief the Doctor is an ardent Republican and has taken a great interest in public affairs. Socially he is connected with the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, also with the State Medical Society, and is an efficient member of the board of health of Akron. Always interested in educational matters, he has frequently served as school director, and at all times gives his time and means to measures which promise good to the community. During the years of his residence in Akron, he has not only built up a fine practice by his skill, but he has gained the confidence and esteem of the whole locality by his display of the characteristics of a true citizen.

**ELLA M. WINTER, of No. 14 South Queen street,** is the only representative in Lancaster, bearing the family name of one of the oldest and best known families of Lancaster county. Her ancestors settled in this county early in 1700, and they have lived for generation after generation in Providence township. Her great-grandfather was a very extensive land owner of Providence, and possessed, at the time of his death, eight fine farms, bequeathing one to each of his eight children. Miss Winter's grandfather, Christopher Winter, and her father, Silas Winter, were both born on the old homestead. There, too, Miss Ella was born, as were most of her brothers and sisters. Her mother was Miss Catherine Marks, daughter of Nicholas Marks, a stereographer, potter and farmer of West Willow. Ten children were born to Silas and Catherine Winter, of whom seven are living, as follows: Miss Ella M., of South Queen street; Mary A., wife of Martin Lefevre, a farmer of Chestnut Level; Augustus, a farmer of East Drumore; John F., of Pittsburg; Catherine, wife of Martin K. Reese, a milk dealer of Lancaster; Laura, wife of J. Albert Rockey, a traveling salesman of Atglen; and Walter H., a farmer of East Drumore. Silas Winter died in this city June 27, 1900, having retired six years before his death, and his wife entered into rest on March 21, 1895.



Miss Ella M. Winter was born, as stated above, on the old homestead in Providence township. She was educated in the schools of that district, and came to Lancaster in 1875. Here she at once began dress-making, a pursuit in which she has been more than ordinarily successful. For six years she conducted dressmaking parlors over Rogers's confectionery store, West King street, and then for about four years was located in the Metzger & Haughman building in the same block; in March, 1895, she took possession of the large building at No. 14 South Queen street, subletting some portions, but retaining enough room for her business and residence. She has been eminently successful, and in her busy seasons, frequently employs half a dozen or more expert dressmakers. Her work is noted for its reliability, and the artistic creations from her establishment are much prized by the ladies of Lancaster. Miss Winter is very intelligent and well-informed on all general subjects. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and popular alike in business, church and social circles.

JOHN C. THOMPSON, an industrious, successful and highly esteemed farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in the borough of Strasburg Feb. 3, 1842, his parents being Jacob B. and Mary (Clayton) Thompson. The father was born in Steelville, Chester county, Dec. 5, 1792, the mother, in Maryland, July 6, 1818.

Jacob B. Thompson was a son of James and Lydia (Bailey) Thompson, both of whom were born in Sadsbury township, this county, he in 1745, and his wife in July, 1750. The Thompsons were of Scotch-Irish extraction; and the Claytons of English blood. James Thompson, grandfather of John C., was a soldier in the Revolution, and the sword he carried is now in the possession of his grandson, John C., in a good state of preservation. James Thompson lived for a time in York county, where he began his business life as a merchant, but later moved to Steelville, Chester county, where he bought a large body of land. There he erected a gristmill, cleared up a farm, and did a general trading business in flour, feed and such goods as were usually carried in a country store, his goods being conveyed on wagons from Philadelphia. He died at his home in Steelville in 1807, and his wife passed away in 1806. They left a large family: Elizabeth, born in York county, in 1774, married James Paxton, of Lancaster county; William died young; Robert was born in 1778; Andrew was born in 1781; Francis, born in May, 1785, died in 1820; James died in childhood; James (2), born in October, 1786, died in March, 1809; William (2), born in March, 1790, died in 1793; Jacob B. is the father of John C.

Jacob B. Thompson was reared at home, and was married in March, 1840, to Mary Clayton, a daughter of John and Harriet Clayton, both of whom were natives of Maryland, and early settlers of York county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson made their

home in Strasburg borough for several years, and there he began business as a merchant. After a time they removed to Nobleville, on the line of Chester and Lancaster counties, where he conducted a general store for many years. It should be noted that upon his marriage he kept store some ten years at Buck, in Drumore township. At one time he was a very prosperous and successful merchant, but his brother being in difficulties he endorsed for him—an unfortunate move, as much of his savings were swept away. He died at his home in March, 1855, and his widow came to Bart township, where she purchased the present home of the family in 1857, making her home with her son until her death, July 20, 1898. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He was a Whig in political sentiment, and a thoughtful and public-spirited citizen. They had a family of seven children, of whom (1) John C. was the eldest, (2) Lydia Thompson, born April 28, 1844, married Charles H. Tyson, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere, (3) James A., born in May, 1845, married Miss Ella Whiteside, of Colerain, and located on a farm near Collins, in that township, where he died April 14, 1890, leaving his wife with four children—John B. and Charles, of Bartville; William N., at home; and Violet, who graduated from the high school, and was just entering upon a bright and promising young womanhood when she was called to the Better Land, in September, 1900. (4) Harriet, born in May, 1847, married Milton Heidelberg, a member of the Pennsylvania Senate from Lancaster county, and they have four children—George Ferree, a train dispatcher in Philadelphia; Mary Blanche, wife of Rev. William B. Anderson, now a minister in India (they have had two children); and Jacob and Willie, at home. (5) Robert, born in October, 1849, married Miss Martha Gilliland, of Lancaster county, and lives in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in business as a commission merchant. (6) William D., born in March, 1851, married Miss Ella Baughman, of Bart township, and resides in Christiana, where he is a clerk in a store. They have four children—Mary L., wife of Frank Pickle, of Bart township; Maud, wife of Amos Fickling, of Bart township; Clyde, who married Miss Lillie Groff, and resides in Bart township; and Harry, who married Marian Helm, and has his home in Georgetown. (7) Jacob G., born in July, 1853, married Miss Clara Miller, a daughter of William and Sarah L. (Gilliland) Miller, and lives on his farm in Bart township. Their six children all live at home, James, Charles, Marvin, Frank, Anna G. and Robert M.

John C. Thompson was reared and educated at home. His father died while he was still a boy, leaving him to care for his mother and manage the family estate. He has lived at home, and has remained unmarried. While the other children married and established homes of their own, he lived with his aged mother until her death. Since that time he has





continued on the home farm, his mother's estate, and he has taken high standing as an industrious and upright citizen. He has many warm friends in his locality, who cherish him for his kind acts and benevolent spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the office of township auditor. The Thompsons have mostly been associated with the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, and have held a high place among the families of the section.

**HACKMAN.** The Hackman family is prominent in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and its oldest representative in that township is Jacob W. Hackman, who was born April 20, 1821, son of Jacob and Susan (Wise) Hackman, both natives of Clay township, where their lives were passed. The great-grandfather of Jacob Hackman is supposed to have been Henry Hackman, who came from Germany and settled in Clay township, where some of his descendants are still residing. The first of the family to come to this county was a farmer and probably a clergyman of the Mennonite Church.

Jacob Hackman, the grandfather of Jacob W., was one of the extensive farmers of Clay township. His son, Jacob, the father of Jacob W., was reared in Clay, but after his marriage removed to Rapho township, where he spent some twenty years in farming, then moving to Stark county, Ohio, and from there to Indiana, where he died at the age of sixty-five. His wife died when only about thirty years of age. They were the parents of four children: Peter, who was a farmer, had his home at Millport, Warwick township, where he died at the age of seventy-two; Elizabeth died unmarried; Jacob W. is mentioned below; Susan married Samuel Ruhde, and died in Upper Leacock township.

JACOB W. HACKMAN was reared in Rapho township and educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one years he engaged in farming in East Donegal township, where he remained two years, and then rented a farm in Millport, Warwick township, for twenty years being engaged in cultivating rented property in that township. In the meantime he had purchased a farm of 117 acres near the borough of Akron, which he cultivated for a time in connection with his rented property, and then sold it to buy a farm of 110 acres, lying in both Clay and Warwick townships, on which he lived for some nine years. He then bought a farm of 138 acres near Oregon, Warwick township, which became his home for more than twenty years. He is now retired from active farming labors, and is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Lutz, of Warwick township.

When Mr. Hackman was a young man of some thirty-five years he united with the German Baptist Church, of the West Conestoga district, and in 1862 was ordained to the ministry by Bishop Christian Bamberger. After his ordination he was assigned to the West Conestoga district, where he served as a faithful and God-fearing minister in active labors until within a very few years. Advancing years and

the infirmities of age had made the duties of the head eldership burdensome to him, and after a long and devoted service he resigned its labors to younger men. Throughout the church he is much beloved and highly esteemed for his long and faithful ministry. He is a venerable gentleman, and bears his years well.

Mr. Hackman was married, Oct. 9, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth Stauffer, daughter of John and Julia Ann (Kinsey) Stauffer. Mrs. Hackman was born in the east part of Lancaster county, Feb. 24, 1821, and is still living. To this union came five children: Julia Ann, wife of A. S. Lutz, of Warwick township; Franklin S., a resident of Manheim township; Jeremiah, residing in Mastersville, Rapho township, where he is engaged in business as a merchant (he was a director of the Manheim Bank for about ten years, when he opened the store, and his directorship was then transferred to his brother, Jacob S., who continued to serve for some years); Jacob S., a resident of Rapho township; and Fianna, who died at the age of nine years.

FRANKLIN S. HACKMAN was born Aug. 24, 1849, and was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the public school and in the State Normal at that point. About 1872 he began operations as a business man on his own account, being engaged in various enterprises until his marriage. After that event he followed farming. For four years, however, his farming operations were interrupted by his connection with the Rossville mill. His home was in Warwick township until 1889, when he removed to his present beautiful home, three miles north of Lancaster city, where he has a fine farm of 152 acres. He had previously lived on rented property. On this farm he has made extensive improvements, and the place bespeaks the ownership of a thrifty and successful farmer. The house has been thoroughly remodeled, and Mr. Hackman has built a fine barn. He is a public-spirited man, ready to co-operate in movements for the general good. While in Warwick township he was a member of the board of education for six years.

Mr. Hackman was married, Nov. 20, 1874, to Miss Mary G., daughter of Joseph and Martha (Graybill) Pfautz, of Warwick township. She was born near Litz, and is the youngest of the family, her birth occurring Jan. 16, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Hackman have five children, Clayton P., Gertrude, Ada B., Franklin P. and Mabel. Gertrude is teaching in the county schools. The family have musical tendencies, and the home gives evidence of taste and refinement. The family belong to the German Baptist Church, and stand high in the community.

**AMOS SHAUBACH.** Since about 1844 the name of Shaubach has been known in various parts of Lancaster county, and has always represented respectability, honesty and industry.

The family originated in Germany, Andrew Shaubach, the father of Amos, having been born





about 1826, at Hessen-Darmstadt, near the beautiful Rhine, the river of song and story, where he was reared, and learned the trade of turner. When eighteen years old Andrew Shaubach came to America, and found his way to Lancaster county, where he knew he would find countrymen. His first employer was Henry Musselman, of Strasburg, with whom he remained several years, learning all of the details of farming. His means were limited, but he applied himself so industriously that when he wished to set up a home for himself he had the money and the knowledge to enable him to start farming on shares, and the succeeding two or three years were spent in that way. In the meantime Andrew Shaubach had purchased a small property in the vicinity of Herrville, comprising thirty-seven acres and for five years he worked this place, later disposing of it, as it was too small for his energies. Until 1871 he rented a large farm, at which time he was able to purchase one of his own, consisting of 152 acres, located in Strasburg, along the Beaver Valley pike road, near Refton, upon which place he made his home until his death. An accident terminated the life of this excellent and worthy man, on Dec. 19, 1889. As an example of the success which attends earnest effort the life of Andrew Shaubach deserves wide consideration, and the universal opinion of the community was that the township had, in his death, lost a good citizen and a kind neighbor. In politics he was a member of the Republican party; he never held office.

Andrew Shaubach married Christianna Wirth, who was also born in Hessen-Darmstadt, in 1829, daughter of Paul Wirth, coming to the United States when ten years of age; she passed away Feb. 26, 1898. To this union came a family of six children: Amos, the subject of this article; Reuben, of Strasburg township; Annie, wife of Jacob S. Harnish, of Strasburg township; Andrew, a stockman of Lancaster city; Maggie, wife of Adam Hornig, of East Lampeter township; and Martin, a farmer of Providence township. The parents of this family belonged to the religious body called Dunkards.

Amos Shaubach was born Oct. 16, 1850, and was reared a farmer boy, attending, in season, the district schools of his neighborhood. When he decided to marry, at about the age of twenty-six, he rented an excellent farm in Strasburg township, and continued at general farming for six years, at the end of that period finding a property for sale which he desired. This land is situated two and one-half miles southeast of Strasburg, and contains eighty-eight acres, which under his excellent management compare favorably with any other tract in the county. A part of the success which has attended his efforts is no doubt due to the fact that Mr. Shaubach is a progressive man, and believes thoroughly in the use of improved machinery and modern methods of tillage. His buildings testify to his taste and good management, while his cattle and stock speak well for the manner in which he cares for them. No new im-

provement is introduced in the locality that does not find him an investigator of its merits, and if he finds it sensible and desirable he is often one of the first to put it into operation.

Amos Shaubach was married, Dec. 7, 1876, to Elizabeth Lutz, daughter of George and Sarah (Nagle) Lutz, who was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Dec. 21, 1853. To this union have been born seven children: George, who died in infancy; Enos, born May 16, 1879; Jennie May, Aug. 5, 1881; Sarah Ella, January, 1884; Park, July, 1887; Amos, January, 1890; and Elizabeth, September, 1896.

EDWIN H. BROWN. Few residents of Lancaster have left a more enviable reputation in the wake of their tireless activity than did Edwin H. Brown, for thirty-two years connected with the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, of which institution he was cashier for twenty-eight years. An innate public-spiritedness dominated the career of Mr. Brown, an earnest endeavor to advance the best interests of his native town, along lines approved by latter day thought and achievement. He was born in Sterling, Oct. 28, 1830, and died among the scenes which had profited by his business sagacity and unquestioned integrity, Oct. 17, 1889.

John Brown, the father of Edwin H., was a watchmaker by trade, and through his union with Deborah Herman, reared to years of usefulness four children. Of these, Mary was the deceased wife of Jacob Rathfon, of Lancaster; Gilbert, also deceased, was at one time editor of a magazine, and was also coroner of Philadelphia; Edwin H.; and William, deceased, lived in Baltimore, Md. The children of John Brown received as good an education as the circumstances of their father permitted, and in his youth, Edwin H., especially, improved the chances that came his way. After quitting the public schools he gained his first business experience in the dry goods establishment of David Bair, with whom he remained for five years, and then resigned to accept a similar position for one year in Shamokin, Pa. He then returned to Lancaster and was employed in the postoffice, in charge of Mrs. Mary Dixon, and continued his position under the administrations of G. W. Hammersley and Henry M. Reigart. He resigned from the postoffice to enter the employ of Reigel Brothers, dry goods merchants, of Philadelphia, in which capacity he continued to serve until his return to Lancaster, Jan. 12, 1854. As bookkeeper of the Farmers' National Bank he worked his way into the good graces of the bank authorities, and proved himself so thoroughly in touch with advanced business methods that his promotion was from the first an assured thing. He soon became general bookkeeper, was after that receiving teller, and was elected cashier Oct. 1, 1858, succeeding Henry R. Reed. At that time he was the youngest man ever assigned to so important a responsibility. Upon his resignation and retirement, Nov. 22, 1886, he was succeeded by C. A. Fon Der



Smith, the present cashier. Mr. Brown was noted for his faithfulness to every trust that came his way, for his devotion to his friends, and for his conservative and wise characteristics. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, in which he was an active worker, and he was for many years librarian of the Sunday school. He was a Republican in politics, but as became so broad-minded a citizen, believed rather in personal fitness than in political creeds. He was very prominent in the general affairs of the town, was highly esteemed by his business and social associates, and exerted a progressive influence in the various avenues of activity to which nature and inclination called him.

In his home relations Mr. Brown was particularly happy. His first marriage, which occurred in 1857, was with Susan Widmyer, born in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Christian and Harriet M. (Brown) Widmyer, natives, respectively, of Germany and Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Widmyer came to America when eighteen years of age, and settled in Philadelphia for a few years, later removing to Lancaster, where he was the pioneer cabinet maker and undertaker of the town. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-six, his wife have pre-deceased him in 1886, aged seventy-eight years. He is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and filled many positions of trust in the community, including that of director in the Farmers' National Bank. He built the first four-story building in Lancaster, his old home being on the present site of the court house. To himself and wife were born the following children: Susan A., deceased wife of Mr. Brown; Clara H.; Mary E., the wife of Daniel S. Bursk, a prominent grocer of Lancaster; Emily F., living with Mrs. Brown; J. Harry, a deceased undertaker of Lancaster; and Christian H., a real estate dealer of Philadelphia, Pa. To Edwin H. Brown and his first wife were born two children, of whom Christian H. is a physician of Philadelphia; and Clara is the wife of Harry Williamson, a dry goods merchant of Lancaster. In 1884, two years after the death of his wife, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Mrs. Clara H. (Widmyer) Kauffman, widow of Daniel M. Kauffman (and sister of the first Mrs. Brown), by whom she had one son, Harry S., deceased when eighteen years of age. Mr. Kauffman was a jeweler of Lancaster, and died in 1861, at the age of twenty-five. He is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery.

JOHN C. BROOME, contractor and proprietor of plaster and cement works, and a specialist in laying granolithic pavements, with his works and residence in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Windsor township, York county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1847, son of Isaac and Mary (Frey) Broome, natives of Chester and York counties, respectively.

Isaac Broome was a brickmaker at Black Horse, Chester county, but after settling in York county became a charcoal burner. He died in the latter county

in 1879, at the age of eighty years, and his wife died in Columbia, in 1892, aged seventy-two, both in the faith of the United Brethren church. To their marriage were born the following children: George D., deceased; Esther, wife of Isaac B. Uhl, of York county; Maria, deceased wife of David Tarbert; Catherine, deceased wife of George W. Johnson; Elizabeth, who was married to John C. Kingbell, but is now deceased; Harriet, also deceased, who was the wife of Orril Kettlers; John C., whose name heads this article; Isaac, a contracting plasterer in Columbia; Stephen, deceased; and Mary, who became the wife of Dr. Wilmont Ayres, of Harrisburg, and died Nov. 7, 1902. The paternal grandfather of John C. Broome was named Isaac, and was a native of Chester county, and the maternal grandparents, Frey, were natives of Bavaria, Germany.

John C. Broome remained with his parents until he was twelve years old, and then worked on an outside farm until fourteen; for two summers he worked on the canal. On Aug. 27, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Co. C, 87th P. V. I., and was first under Capt. Andrew J. Fulton, and later under Capt. Findley Thomas, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, taking part in all its marches and engagements as a brave and gallant soldier until April 4, 1864, when he veteranized in the same company. A synopsis of his service, though necessarily brief, is here given: His company joined its regiment at York, Pa., Sept. 11, 1861, and Sept. 28th was stationed at Cockneyville, Md., on the Northern Central Railroad, where it remained until May 19, 1862, when it was transferred to Baltimore; June 22nd it was sent forward to New Creek, Va., and Aug. 22nd was started out in the real activities of war. Its line of march was for Elkwater, Va., via Rowlesburg, St. George and Beverley, in quest of the notorious Imboden; Sept. 12th it marched for Clarksburg and other points, and arrived in Winchester Dec. 21th, after having had a skirmish with the enemy at Strasburg. On June 23, 1861, in a charge on the Weldon Railroad, he was wounded in the right thigh and was confined to the hospital from that date till January, 1865, but still suffers from the injury, as it was a suppurative wound. On Feb. 1, 1864, he took part in battle, and May 1st was promoted to be corporal; June 23d, he was wounded at Petersburg; later he fought at Winchester, Front Royal, Wapping Heights, Kelley's Ford, Locust Grove, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Bermuda and Petersburg (both battle and siege). Mr. Broome received an honorable discharge, and was mustered out of the service at Danville, Va., June 12, 1865. He returned to his home in York county, but in September, 1865, came to Columbia, and began the plaster business, and in 1872 began his present extensive contracting operations.

On Feb. 22, 1865, John C. Broome was married at York, Pa., to Miss Mary J. Laucks, and to this union have been born thirteen children, viz.: Charles





F., at home; Maggie A., wife of Samuel Arms, merchant in Columbia; Belle, at home; Samuel L., married to Maggie Fisher, and still living in Columbia; Essie, Helen, Nelson and Esther, all four deceased; J. Garfield; Edward S.; Lulu; Melvin and Lillian, all still under the parental roof.

Mrs. Mary J. (Laucks) Broome was born in Windsor township, York county, Pa., June 10, 1846, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (McGuigan) Laucks, of Chester county, but for more than fifty years residents of the county of York, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which took place in 1887, at the age of seventy-two years; his widow lived to be eighty-three years old and passed away in 1896. Their children were born in the following order: John, a plasterer; Elizabeth, wife of John Schenberger; Samuel, a carpenter; Philip, a farmer; Margaret, married to Henry Gilbert, a farmer; Mary J., now Mrs. Broome; George, a merchant; and Mattie and Hettie, both of whom died young. With the exception of Mrs. Broome and the deceased children, the others reside in York county, and all were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Broome is a contributor to the support of the United Brethren church, although not a member. He belongs to the K. O. T. M., and G. A. R., and is a Mason of high degree. In politics he is a Republican, and as a citizen is honored and respected wherever known.

**SIMEON W. SWISHER**, Esq., a much respected and retired farmer of Colerain township, was born in the home where he still lives, Sept 11, 1835, son of Uriah and Eliza (Coulter) Swisher, born in Colerain and Bart townships, the father in 1802, and the mother in 1801.

John Swisher, grandfather of Simeon W., was born in Colerain township in 1762, and his wife, Rachel Woodrow, in 1769. They were married in 1789, and settled on the farm which is now owned by our subject, and there Mr. Swisher died in 1840, and his wife passed away in 1851, aged eighty-two years. They had a family of eight children, of whom all the sons except John settled in Colerain township: (1) John married Rebecca McConnell, and settled in Cecil county, Md., where he lived and died; his family are also all deceased. (2) Simeon Swisher, born in 1792, married Elizabeth Pennington, and lived on a farm in Colerain township, until his death in 1850. (3) Henry. (4) Jeremiah Swisher, born in 1796, married Mary Pennington, and located on the farm now owned by his son, Samuel, and later in his life he bought property in Kirkwood, where he lived until his death, leaving a family, three of whom are living: Samuel, a farmer in Colerain township; Eliza, who married Hiram McClelland, and has her home in Ohio; and Hannah, the wife of Hiram Pierce, of Kansas. (5) Martha Swisher, who was born in 1799, died unmarried in 1818. (6) Uriah

was the father of Simeon W. Swisher. (7) Ellen Swisher, born in 1807, married John Coulter, and settled in Bart township, where they both died, leaving two children: John, who lives on the old homestead; and Rachel, who married John Homsher, a merchant in Bartville. (8) Eliza Swisher, born in 1809, married Henry Keylor, and both are deceased; they left a family as follows: Rachel, who married Charles Ryneer, of Bart township; Martha, who married Joseph Clark, of Chester county; Betty, who married Robert A. Ferguson; John J., a resident of Mechanicsburg; and Jacob, a farmer in Bart township.

Uriah Swisher was reared at the old home where he received a good education in the subscription schools, there being no free school system at that time. Remaining on his father's farm all his life, he took care of his parents in their old age, and displayed qualities of a high order. The farm was deeded to him. He was married in September, 1824, to Eliza Coulter, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Caughy) Coulter. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter were as follows: John, Jr., married Ellen Swisher, and died in Bart township; Mariah became the wife of Matthew Scott, removed to Iowa many years ago, and is deceased; Martha died unmarried; Hugh married Anna Ross, of Chester county, who moved to Iowa, where he died; and Samuel married a Miss Caughy, and moved to Ohio, where he died. Uriah Swisher died in February, 1871, and his widow, Jan. 4, 1893. They were worthy and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, which they supported many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and was one of the first members of the school board after the establishment of the free school system in Pennsylvania. In the county conventions of his party his face was familiar, and he was a leading politician of his day. Several local positions were filled by him, including that of township treasurer, and he was much respected in the community in which he lived. To Uriah Swisher and his good wife were born the following: John H., born in 1825, died in 1844; Marshall E., born in 1827, died the following year; Jeremiah F., born in 1829, died in 1844; William M., born in 1832, died in 1843; Martha A., born in 1839, died in 1844; and Simeon W.

Simeon W. Swisher was reared on the farm and was given such educational advantages as the times afforded. In 1850 he entered the store of Thomas Ferguson, at Bartville, where he proved himself a capable and reliable clerk. Four years later he entered the employ of Graham & Wilkinson, at Gettysburg, but did not long remain there, going back to the old homestead where he took charge of the farm in his father's declining years. In 1857 he was married to Anna L. Pennington, of Chester county, daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Starr) Pennington. Mrs. Swisher was born at Coatesville, Chester county, Aug. 12, 1836, and was reared to young womanhood in a Quaker family. Her people had



always been prominent in the Friends' Association. Mr. and Mrs. Swisher settled on the old homestead, where have been born six generations. The modern improvements on this farm are the result of the labors of both the present and late owners of the place, and it is regarded as one of the most desirable pieces of property in Colerain township.

Mrs. Anna L. (Pennington) Swisher died Aug. 18, 1900. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Her husband and a family of six children survive: (1) Mary E., born in 1858, received her education in the county union high school, and is at home with her father. (2) Leonora, born in September, 1850, received a classical education, and married Lewis Ferguson, of Colerain township, where they reside on his farm, with their two children, Thomas W., and Charles L. (3) R. Luella, born in September, 1861, was educated in the Millersville Normal School, and for ten years was a successful teacher in the schools of Lancaster and Chester counties: she is now the wife of Dr. E. Hogg, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and has three children, Marian R., Edwin, and Orion. (4) Clement P., born in July, 1863, died in childhood. (5) Charles P., born in October, 1864, was given an education in the home school and in the high school at Union and at Pennington (N. J.) Seminary. In young manhood, he engaged in farming the home place with his father, and for the last twelve years has taken its management in his own hands. He was married in March, 1890, to Maud L. Patterson, the daughter of T. L. and Elizabeth Patterson, representatives of old and prominent families in Little Britain township. For three years they lived on a part of his father's home, and later moved into the present home of the family, where his wife died Nov. 27, 1895, leaving two children, Harold P., born in 1891; and Mary A., born in 1894. Mr. Swisher has remained at the home of his father, and is now engaged as manager and treasurer of the Southern Telephone and Telegraph Co., of which he is a stockholder and a leading spirit in its construction. He is a young man of fine business ability, and is a devoted church man, being an elder in the Union Presbyterian Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school. (6) Anna A., born in January, 1867, was educated in the Westchester Normal, and the Fernwood Ladies Seminary, and was a successful teacher for some seven years: she is now the widow of Howard P. Harvey, of Pomeroy, Chester county, who on the night of Nov. 22, 1901, was shot by an unknown hand, his body being found the following morning. (7) Minnie B., born March, 1873, was educated at the high school, and at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and is at home, unmarried.

Siméon W. Swisher is a Democrat, and has long taken an active part in politics. For over twenty years he has held the office of justice of the peace, as well as other positions, such as school director and treasurer of the township. He has often been

a delegate to county conventions. Mr. Swisher and his family are connected with the Presbyterian Church. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 417, F. & A. M., at Christiana (with which his son also affiliates), and was also a charter member of Lodge No. 544 I. O. O. F. He is the second oldest past master of the Christiana Masons now living. For twenty-seven years Mr. Swisher has been president of the Southern Mutual Insurance Fire Co., and for forty-seven years has been an auctioneer in Lancaster county, where he is one of the leading and popular citizens, much esteemed for his solid and substantial character.

FREDERICK HOEFEL (deceased) was for many years a prominent business man of Lancaster county, where he left many evidences of his ability in the shape of buildings of his construction.

Mr. Hoefel was born July 22, 1847, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Christian and Magdalena (Wagner) Hoefel, who passed all their lives in the Fatherland. The father was a cooper by occupation. Frederick was one of a family of five children, namely: George, who is in the coopering business in Wurtemberg, Germany; Michael, who died in Wurtemberg; Frederick; Magdalena, whose husband is engineer on a railroad in Germany; and Christian, a carpenter of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Hoefel was reared and educated in his native land, and there learned the trade of cabinet-maker. At the age of nineteen years he came to the New World, locating at once in Lancaster, Pa., where he entered the employ of Philip Dinkleberg, contractor and builder. After four years' work with that gentleman, he in 1873 commenced business on his own account, and was actively engaged thus until his death. In all he erected some five hundred houses in Lancaster City, among which we may mention the Maennerchor Hall, a square of buildings on Lime street, another on Frederick street, and a full square on New street from Duke to North Queen, besides many others. All testify to his skill and thoroughness, which brought him so large a patronage. Honesty and integrity were his marked characteristics, and when Mr. Hoefel undertook a piece of work it was a guarantee that it would be well done. He gave his entire attention to his business, and though often solicited to accept office by his fellow citizens invariably refused. He acquired a well-deserved competence, and though a comparatively young man at the time of his demise, which occurred April 16, 1890, at the home in Lancaster now occupied by his widow, had gained a substantial position in his adopted home. He is buried in Lancaster cemetery. Socially Mr. Hoefel was a member of the Maennerchor and the Schiller Verein, and in religious connection he united with Zion Lutheran Church, in which he was an active worker. His political support was given to the Democratic party.

On May 4, 1871, Mr. Hoefel was married, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth Hoffman, a native of Hes-





sen-Darmstadt, Germany, and children as follows blessed this union: Elizabeth is the wife of W. T. Killinger, who is in the stone business in Lancaster. Frederick is a tinsmith in Pottsville, Pa. George is a carpenter in Lancaster. Lena is the wife of Clifford Funk, a grocer in Lancaster. Harry is deceased. Christian, who was a telegraph operator, died May 30, 1902, at the age of twenty-one years; he was accidentally killed while on an outing with his club. William, Mary and Philip are at home with their mother.

George and Catherine (Hoerr) Hoffman, parents of Mrs. Hoefel, were natives of Germany, and passed all their lives in that country. The father was a coach builder by occupation. They had children as follows: William, deceased, who was a coachmaker in Germany; George, who is a school teacher in Germany; Philip, deceased, who was a resident of Lancaster; and Elizabeth, widow of Frederick Hoefel.

**JOSIAH BEYER**, a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township, April 15, 1830, son of David and Mary (McElwain) Beyer.

The Beyer family came originally from Germany. Daniel Beyer, the grandfather of Josiah, was born in Montgomery county, Pa. He was a millwright by trade, and pursued that work in a number of mills in Lancaster county, and was the owner of a farm in Colerain township (which is still in the family), where he died. He married Rebecca Woodward, also a native of Montgomery county. The Woodwards were of Welsh origin. To Daniel and Rebecca Beyer were born: One child that died in infancy, before their removal from Montgomery county; Henry, who lived and died in Colerain township; Andrew, a resident of Colerain township, where he lived and died; Daniel, born in Colerain township, where he married, lived and died; Rebecca, who married John McElwain, a farmer of Colerain township, where one of their children yet lives; Robert, of Colerain, who married a Miss Johnston, and had a family, two of whom are still living—Mrs. William Jacks, of Colerain, and Mrs. Joseph Carheart, of New Jersey; David, father of Josiah; and Thomas, born in Colerain, who spent his life in his native town, and died leaving a widow and five children, of whom one son, W. F., is a noted lawyer of Lancaster.

David Beyer, father of Josiah, was born in Colerain township Dec. 26, 1803, and engaged in farming there. For some years he was also engaged in cutting wood for the iron company, to be used for charcoal. In 1832 he purchased the farm now owned by his son, and two years later moved upon it, erecting a house and barn, as well as making other substantial improvements; he devoted the rest of his life to its tillage, and died there in July, 1865. He married Mary McElwain, who was born in 1797, daughter of Patrick and Mary McElwain, who were

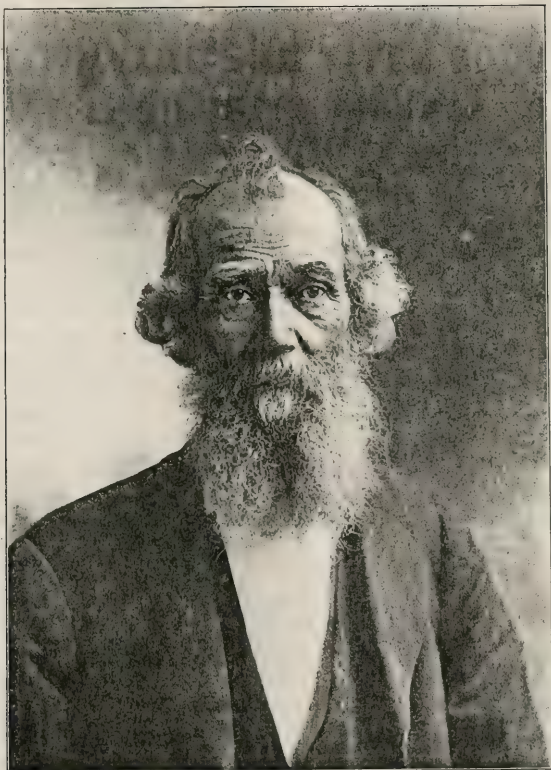
born in Ireland and London, England, respectively, and who located in Colerain township soon after the close of the Revolution. Mr. McElwain crossed in the ship "Faithful Steward." He came to this country to escape military service in the British army, and with others had been obliged to remain in hiding in his native country in order to escape fighting against the American Colonies in the Revolution. Mrs. Beyer died in 1874. Both she and Mr. Beyer were members of the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat. To David Beyer and his wife were born the following named children: Rebecca, born in Colerain township, married Milton Keyler, a highly respected citizen of this county, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Mary, married William McElwain, and both are now deceased; David, born in 1838, lived to be eighteen years of age, when he was called to the Promised Land; and Josiah is mentioned presently.

Josiah Beyer was reared to manhood at the present home of himself and family, and secured his education very largely by attendance at the winter schools while he was growing to manhood. He continued to remain at home throughout the lifetime of his parents. In December, 1860, he was married to Miss Hannah, daughter of Henry and Julia (Baughman) Heidebaugh, prominent and respected farming people of Bart township, the former born there Dec. 6, 1802, and the latter in 1804. Of the eight children of Henry and Julia Heidebaugh, two are living, George, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary A., John and Margaret being deceased; Susan is the wife of Samuel Keen, of Bart township; and Hannah is Mrs. Beyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Beyer went to live on the old Beyer homestead after their marriage, and there they have remained to the present time. He has made his influence felt in the community, as a good citizen, a successful business man, and a thoroughly competent farmer. In the past forty years he has greatly improved the old place, and converted what was always a good farm into one of the best in the county. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beyer: (1) Laura, born in June, 1862, was reared and educated at home, receiving her instruction at the local schools, and proving one of the bright and capable young women of the day. She married Edward H. Johnston, of Chester county, and they live on her father's farm in Sadsbury township; they have one daughter, Lillian May. (2) David H., born in November, 1863, married Anna E. Shimp, and they have their home on one of his father's farms in Bart township; they have two sons, David S. and Ralph S. (3) John D., born in 1866, lives at home. He belongs to the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the elders. (4) Anna M., born in 1872, was given a collegiate education, and is a fine musician and instructor in the art of music. She is now the wife of Amos Pickle, and they have their home near Cochranville, Chester county. Josiah Beyer and his family are all mem-







*Josiah Beyer*



bers of the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for more than thirty years. In politics he has been a Democrat. He is a kind and pleasant Christian gentleman, and a thoroughly competent and reliable agriculturist.

**JOHN N. LEHMAN.** The family of Lehman is one of the oldest and most deservedly esteemed in Lancaster county.

Joseph Lehman, the great-grandfather of John N. Lehman, was a farmer of West Lampeter township. He was a Mennonite in faith, and a man held in reverence for his many virtues, dying at an advanced age. He was the father of five sons and two daughters: John, Joseph, George, Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth and Charlotte. All the sons were farmers, and Charlotte married a Mr. Bruneman, who was also a farmer.

John Lehman, the grandfather of John N., was born in East Lampeter, Nov. 2, 1782, and died Dec. 2, 1870, having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Elizabeth Kreider, was born July 7, 1780, and entered into rest April 21, 1857. Their three sons were named Joseph, John and Benjamin K., of whom Joseph was born Aug. 22, 1812, and died in 1890, aged eighty-seven years; and John, was born June 15, 1814, and died in 1897.

Benjamin K. Lehman, the father of the gentleman whose life forms the subject of this biography, was born Nov. 8, 1817, in West Lampeter township. He was an infant of some eighteen months when the family removed to Manor, where his father was for some years a farmer in a small way. He lived at home until he had passed his twenty-fifth birthday, when he secured a farm for himself, and made a home for his parents until their death. His filial devotion was in consonance with his character, which was at once gentle and robust, tender yet firm. He continued to cultivate the farm until 1874, when he gave up active physical labor, and removed to his present home, two miles south of Mountville. At the age of forty-five he entered the Mennonite ministry, and in this field of Christian effort he has ever since been an earnest, zealous, self-denying laborer. The Hagerstown and Masonville churches have been the chief objects of his pastoral care, he conducting services in these places on alternate Sundays. His influence in the community has been potent for good, and it is not surprising that men admire his devotion and seek to follow in his footsteps. In 1840 he pledged his marital troth to Elizabeth Newcomer. She was born April 25, 1818, daughter of John Newcomer and his wife, Elizabeth Eshleman. She entered into rest eternal in her seventy-fifth year.

To the Rev. Benjamin K. Lehman and his wife were born ten children: Elizabeth, John N., Anna, Amos, Benjamin, Leah, Daniel, Catherine, Sarah and Frank. Elizabeth, born Dec. 3, 1841, married Jacob C. Seitz, of Manor township. John N., the subject of the present sketch, was born Oct. 9, 1843,

and a somewhat extended account of his life and work may be found in the succeeding paragraphs. Anna, born in 1845, is the widow of Abraham Shellenberger, of West Hempfield. Amos, born April 14, 1847, is a Manor township farmer. Benjamin, born May 4, 1849, is a resident of Philadelphia. Leah died in infancy. Daniel, born Oct. 12, 1852, is a Mennonite minister and stationed at Millersville. Catherine, born Nov. 24, 1855, is the widow of Cyrus Neff. Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1857, is now Mrs. Peter Kreybill, of West Donegal. Emma (Mrs. Henry Haverstick), was born July 11, 1860, and died in July, 1887.

John N. Lehman, as has been said, was born Oct. 9, 1843. The first thirty years of his life were spent upon the homestead farm, and it was while living there that on Oct. 15, 1868, he was married to Emily S. Mann, whose parents were Bernard and Mary Ann (Stoner) Mann, of Manor township, where she herself was born Aug. 1, 1845. Six years after his marriage Mr. Lehman purchased the property known as the Berger farm, comprising seventy-five acres, and there he and his wife took up their home. There, too, they remained for twenty years, the energy, sound sense and probity of our subject rendering his success a certainty in both general farming and market gardening. In 1894 he surrendered the management of this property to his son, and retired to his present home, which is situated two miles south of Mountville. There he owns a plot of five acres, in the cultivation, improvement and beautifying of which he takes great pleasure. He has enlarged, renovated and practically remodeled the house standing on the land when he purchased it, and has erected barns and outbuildings of a substantial character and ornate appearance, rendering his place one of the most attractive in that section of Lancaster county. He has been an investor in various enterprises. Among them are the Mountville National Bank, the Columbia Stove Works, and the Mountville Manufacturing Co. He is thoroughly well informed on public affairs, and takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to public interests, and calculated to promote the general welfare. In religious matters, also he feels a vital concern, both he and Mrs. Lehman being active, devout and consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons—Harvey M. and Cyrus. The younger died while a youth of seventeen years. Harvey M. Lehman manages his father's farm; he married Miss Florence Sherrick, and has had three children, of whom two, Carrie S. and John S. are living. Mr. and Mrs. John N. Lehman have also taken to their home and hearts a little one named Amanda C. Schultz, to whom they have given parental love and care since her babyhood.

**HENRY WOLF.** For the past thirty-six years Henry Wolf has been identified with the business interests of Lancaster, winning the esteem and con-





fidence of his fellow-citizens. He is one of the most highly respected German-American residents of this city, and was born in Baden, Germany, June 3, 1845, son of Henry and Philippa (Gaberdiel) Wolf.

Henry Wolf, the father, came from Germany to America in 1851, settling with his family in Lancaster, Pa., where he engaged in the manufacture of rope, but his career was stopped by his death about six months later, in April, 1852, at the age of forty years. His wife was born in 1810, and died in 1893. Both parents of our subject were most worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains lie in the Old German Lutheran and Lancaster cemeteries. The mother's second marriage was to Christian Hug, but no children were born to that union.

Henry Wolf, subject of this sketch, was one of three children born to his parents, and the only one who survived infancy. He accompanied his father and mother to Lancaster, in 1851, and was educated in the German schools. He began to learn the cabinetmaking trade with Anthony Iski, of this city, remaining with him two and one-half years. In January, 1863, he entered the army and worked as a wheelwright for the Government, at Falmouth, Va., for four months. On his return he was again employed by Mr. Iski for a few months, prior to going to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade a short time, later doing carpenter work in Washington City, in this way seeing considerable of the country, and at the same time gaining valuable experience in his trade. Upon his return to Lancaster, Mr. Wolf worked at his trade for a short time, but then accepted a Government offer and returned for ten months to Washington. When he again took up work in Lancaster, it was for himself, opening up a business in cabinetmaking and furniture dealing, also undertaking, continuing until June, 1869, when he retired from the last named line, and in November, 1901, gave up business activity, deeming it time to take the rest his long years of industry had so well earned.

Although deeply engrossed in his business, Mr. Wolf has always found time to perform the duties of a good citizen. Politically he is a Democrat. For one year he was a very efficient member of the common council, and for two years belonged to the select council. His interest in educational matters has been shown by a membership of ten years on the school board. He has been liberal minded and public-spirited and possesses in a high degree the respect of the community. Mr. Wolf has been prominent in fraternal circles, being a Commandery and Chapter Mason, while in the order of Odd Fellows he was a representative of the order to the Grand Lodge for twenty years, and was trustee also for many years. In the order of Knights of Pythias he has also been very active, and has passed all the chairs with the exception of the Seven Wise Men. He belongs to Zion Church.

On Oct. 16, 1866, Mr. Wolf married Anna Hoff-

man, born in Hessen, Germany, in December, 1847, daughter of Christian and Mary (Kreigbaum) Hoffmann, who came from Germany to America in 1847, and carried on a tailoring business in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were: Anna M., who married J. Henry Gerhart; Mary, who died at the age of four years; Wilhelmina, who married William L. Marshall, a clerk in the Farmer's Bank, in Lancaster; Henrietta, who died young; Louisa, who died young; and Ella and Elizabeth, at home.

ELI L. KREIDER, a successful farmer of East Lampeter township, comes of a family which has been long established in Lancaster county.

Jacob Kreider, his grandfather, was born and reared in West Lampeter township. When a young man he purchased a farm near where our subject now lives, in East Lampeter township, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits during his entire life. He married Miss Lizzie Denlinger, of Lancaster county, and they were the parents of the following children: Polly, the wife of John Buckholzer; Barbara, the wife of Joseph Prantz; Tobias, a farmer of West Lampeter; Jacob, a farmer of Leacock township; Lizzie, wife of Benjamin Landis; Hettie, wife of Isaac Stoner; Annie, wife of John Landis, a preacher in the Old Mennonite Church; Abraham, the father of our subject; Catherine, wife of Benjamin Landis; and Isaac, a farmer of East Lampeter township.

Abraham Kreider was born in East Lampeter township, Aug. 5, 1821, and followed farming all his life on a place of which our subject now owns part. He died Feb. 20, 1899. On Jan. 14, 1845, he was married to Elizabeth R., daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Landis. They had a family of eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Lefever; Anna, wife of Jacob Bernheimer; Eli L., our subject; Amanda, wife of Levi Weaver; Barbara, wife of Harry Denlinger; Mary, unmarried; and Amos L., a resident of East Lampeter township. The parents were both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Eli L. Kreider was born in East Lampeter township, May 12, 1851, and lived at home until about 1887, since which time he has continued on the place where he now resides. He has also conducted his father's farm. He owns a place of about twenty acres, on which he and his father have made extensive improvements. Mr. Kreider is one of Lancaster county's progressive men and most respected citizens.

HENRY TERRY, a retired and highly respected farmer and citizen, was born Sept. 10, 1829, in his present home in Mavtown, East Donegal township, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Haines) Terry, the former a native of Bucks county, Pa., and the latter of Mavtown, Lancaster county.

George W. Terry, a shoemaker by trade, came



to Maytown a single man, was here married and here died in 1837, at the age of forty-three years, his widow surviving him until February, 1870, when she passed away aged seventy-seven. They were members of the Reformed church, and their remains were interred in the cemetery of that denomination at Maytown. The children born to George W. and Elizabeth Terry were four in number, and were as follows: Anthony, who died at the age of forty-three years; George, also deceased; Elizabeth, who died unmarried when twenty-two years old; and Henry, whose name opens this sketch.

The paternal grandfather of Henry Terry was a farmer by calling and was of Scotch descent; the maternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth (Haines) Haines, were natives, respectively, of Maytown and the lower part of Lancaster county.

Henry Terry, at the age of thirteen years, entered a tailoring establishment in Philadelphia, learned the tailor's trade, and at the age of eighteen went to Caledonia, Tenn., where he worked for a brother two years. He then went to Mills Point, next to Memphis, which latter city was his headquarters for a year and a half while he worked at his trade up and down the river. After an absence of two years Henry Terry returned to his home, and went on the road as a salesman, clearing about \$1,800 for his employers in a year and a half, and with his own share of the earnings paid for his schooling at the high school in Maytown for two years. Later, he attended the Millersville State Normal School, in which he was a member of Page Literary Society. Of this Society, in 1863, including Mr. Terry, 101 members formed a military company (under Captain J. P. Wickersham) and offered their services to the Nation for the protection of its flag and the preservation of the Union, but the company was never mustered into the service, although for seven days it was stationed before Wrightsville, whence it was returned to Lancaster and dismissed. On his return from this little military duty, Mr. Terry taught school seven sessions, then engaged in the agricultural implement business for eleven and a half years, and then in farming in East Donegal township for fifteen years, retiring in 1894.

Henry Terry has been twice married, his first wedding having taken place in Manheim, in 1854, to Caroline P. Arndt, to which union was born one child, Cyrus, who died in infancy. Mrs. Caroline P. (Arndt) Terry, a native of Manheim, Pa., was called away in 1856, at the age of twenty-two years. She was a daughter of George and Mary A. Arndt, who are among the most respected residents of Manheim borough.

In December, 1864, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Henry Terry, married Susan E. Deemy, a record of whose antecedents will be given later on. To this happy union have been born six children, in the following order: Ion E., druggist at Millville, N. J., and married to Sally Troyer; Hiester C., married to Tenah Harnon, a molder of Maytown, Pa.; Edith T., mar-

ried to Adam Kautz, farmer of East Donegal township; Laura E., married to Wilson McMullen, also a molder; Virginia E., married to Charles Evans, bricklayer, of Maytown; and Blanche C., married to Albert Johns, a molder of the same town.

Mrs. Susan E. (Deemy) Terry was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Feb. 10, 1841, and is the seventh of the eight children born to Jacob and Mary (Page) Deemy, of Dauphin county, Pa., where they resided many years, and whence they removed to Cumberland county, where the father died in 1868, when seventy-four years of age, in the faith of the Lutheran church; his wife had passed away in 1857, when fifty years old. The eight children alluded to as constituting the Deemy family were born in the following order: Christ, William and Jane, deceased; Emanuel, a physician of Mechanicsburg, and formerly a surgeon in the army; Daniel, a farmer in Kansas; Samuel, deceased; Susan E., now Mrs. H. Terry; and Martha, deceased wife of John Schaffer.

Politically Henry Terry is a Democrat. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, was the first vice president of the Nevin Missionary Society in Maytown, and is a remarkably moral and abstemious gentleman. He has never sworn an oath in his life, nor has he been under the influence of strong drink. He is extraordinarily spry for his years, and his chirography is both elegant and free from nervousness.

**SAMUEL ESHLEMAN.** Among the old, honored and substantial families of Lancaster county, none are held in higher esteem than that of Eshleman, and one of its worthy representatives was Samuel Eshleman, of Strasburg township, who entered into rest Jan. 2, 1902, aged seventy-one years, two months and twenty-nine days.

Samuel Eshleman was born on a farm adjoining the one upon which he died, Oct. 3, 1830, son of Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Eshleman, both of whom were highly regarded in that locality. Samuel grew up on the farm and attended the common schools, remaining at home until the age of twenty-one, when he began agricultural operations on his own account, on the place he last occupied as a home. When he first took charge of this property, the farm consisted of seventy-two acres, but with the additions he was afterward able to make it now comprises 103 acres. Mr. Eshleman owned other desirable property, consisting of a farm of seventy-one acres which adjoins the home farm, and another of sixty-two acres, located in Providence township. In addition he owns several tracts of timber land in Providence and Martic townships, ranging from four to eighteen acres, and a farm of forty-two acres in Strasburg and one of twenty-one, which adjoins the farm, east of the homestead.

Mr. Eshleman devoted almost his entire time to his farming interests, operating the homestead and the adjoining farm, carrying on a general line and also raising considerable stock. Some years ago,





Mr. Eshleman took a rest from active labors, but later resumed operations. Through life he was industrious and made a success of his business, because he paid such close attention to it, and his life was an excellent example of what can be accomplished by one who has sufficient energy and determination, as most of Mr. Eshleman's property was acquired by his own efforts.

In 1870, Samuel Eshleman was married to Miss Annie Eshleman, a daughter of Elijah and Christiann (Barr) Eshleman, and they became the parents of ten children: Enos J., born June 28, 1871, lives at home, and is the executor of his father's estate; Ira S., born April 7, 1873, married Miss Matilda Stively; Edith Annie, born April 17, 1876, died Feb. 15, 1883; Mary Emma, born Oct. 24, 1877; Ellis Miller, born March 8, 1879, died Jan. 2, 1883; John Henry, born Aug. 10, 1880; infant son, deceased; Clara Susan, born Jan. 15, 1884; Anna Elizabeth, born March 17, 1885; and Emrin Franklin, born on June 3, 1889. Mrs. Eshleman is a valued and consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, of which Mr. Eshleman was also a member, and in which he had been a deacon since 1888. The family is one of the most worthy and respected in this part of Strasburg township.

**ISAAC BUCKWALTER**, a well-known resident of West Lampeter township, belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster county, being the fifth generation of the Buckwalters.

John Buckwalter, his father, was born on the old family homestead in East Lampeter township, about a half mile north of Greenland, in 1815, son of John Buckwalter, Sr., also a resident of East Lampeter township. John Buckwalter was reared on the farm where he was born, and after his marriage located on a farm of seventy-nine acres in West Lampeter, two and a half miles southeast of Lancaster, what was known as the Yordy Farm, which he greatly improved, remodelling the house, and making the place one of the most desirable in the township. All his life he was a farmer, and was known as a man who never sought, or would accept, a public office, much preferring the peaceful and happy life his family and friends afforded. John Buckwalter was married to Fannie Resh, daughter of Henry and Judith (Buckwalter) Resh, who lived north of Bird-in-Hand. She was born in 1815, and died in 1884, her death and that of her husband occurring in the same week. They were both members of the Mennonite Church and were the parents of a family of seven children: Annie is the wife of Jonas Harnish, of Strasburg; Jacob lives in East Lampeter township; Martha is the widow of Henry H. Herr, of New Providence; Judith is single; John died in April, 1900, when fifty years of age; Isaac; and Lizzie is unmarried. In 1872 Mr. Buckwalter retired from active life, and removed from the farm where he had passed so many industrious years to another property which he owned in the same township, where he

lived retired, and in due time died full of years and honor.

Isaac Buckwalter was born Aug. 31, 1854, on the farm where he is now living, and which he is engaged in cultivating. His education was secured in the public school, and when he was twenty-four he was married. At this time he began farming operations on his own account, taking charge of the farm where he is now living. His entire attention has been given to farming and dairying. For nine years he had a milk route in the city of Lancaster, his dairy being known as the "Crystal Springs Dairy." In 1890 he retired from the milk business, and is now giving his entire attention to the conduct of his farm, on which he has made some very valuable improvements. Both as a man and a citizen the worth of Isaac Buckwalter is conceded, and he has been chosen to administer several large estates.

On Nov. 25, 1877, Isaac Buckwalter was married to Mary Stauffer, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1859, daughter of Benjamin and Annie (Kreider) Stauffer, and who died in the spring of 1881, at the early age of twenty-two years, leaving two children, Benjamin S. and Fannie. Benjamin S., who married Cora Seaboldt, and has one child, Paul, lives in West Lampeter township; Fannie died in infancy.

On Nov. 22, 1884, Isaac Buckwalter was married to Annie Kreider, daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie (Good) Kreider. To this union have come five children: John K., Elias K., Mary K., Annie K., and Lizzie K. All the Buckwalters belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and are reckoned among the most substantial people of this section of the county.

**DAVID LEFEVER**. Among the old and highly respected families of East Lampeter township, is that of Lefever, whose numerous descendants have scattered over many parts of the Union, and with the name have established reputations for thrift, honesty and uprightness of life. David Lefever, a much esteemed farmer of this township, was born in East Lampeter township, Oct. 15, 1824, son of John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever, and grandson of John and Betsey (Howry) Lefever.

To John and Betsey (Howry) Lefever were born four children: Daniel, who married Barbara Neff; George, who married Barbara Denlinger; John; and one child, who died in youth.

John Lefever, the father of the subject of this biography, was born Feb. 27, 1792, and died in 1856. He married Magdalena Neff, who was born Nov. 19, 1797, and who died in 1831. Their children were: Susanna, born Jan. 11, 1810, is the widow of Henry Kreider, and lives in Illinois; Henry, born April 7, 1820, died April 6, 1900, leaving his widow, Charlotte (Blair) Lefever, a resident of Sterling, Ill., where he was engaged as a merchant, miller, dealer in lumber, etc.; Daniel, born June 19, 1821, married Frances Martin (deceased), and died April 3, 1898; John, born Jan. 26, 1823, married Mary







*F. W. Woolworth*



Douer and lives retired, in Millport; David; Jacob, born Dec. 19, 1826, married Annie Kreider, and is a retired farmer, of East Lampeter township; Barbara, born July 25, 1829, first married Benjamin Dffenbach, and is now the widow of Levi Howard; George N., born July 25, 1829, a twin brother of Barbara, married Annie Landis, and resides in West Lampeter township.

This family has a very remarkable record of longevity, the first death in the family circle of children being that of Daniel, on April 3, 1898, on which date the youngest in the family had reached the age of seventy. The parents of these children reared them in the religious atmosphere of the Old Mennonite Church, of which they were consistent members, and they rest in the cemetery connected with the Mellinger Church.

David Lefever was reared on the farm and was but seven years of age when his kind mother was removed by death. Until he was nineteen years old, he was able occasionally to attend school some sixteen or seventeen days in a term, if the threshing or corn planting did not have to be done, and as he was a studious lad, made all the progress he could. The school house at Mellingers, he remembers as being equipped with slab seats and the light admitted through windows of four or five panes of glass, 6x8, and all of the other surroundings were of a similar nature. However, in making any comparison with the superior advantages afforded the children of to-day, we should pause and question whether the probabilities are that the latter will fit for the battle of life any class of citizens more likely to adorn every station of life, than those who obtained their desultory education under such adverse circumstances.

At the age of twenty-one, David Lefever was married to Eliza Buchwalter, a daughter of Martin Buchwalter, and at once began housekeeping, renting a farm belonging to his wife's grandfather, John Buchwalter. For the succeeding three years he operated this farm, but in 1848 purchased a farm in Bareville. It required much good management and economy to pay off the indebtedness on this place, but his energy and industry were untiring and he soon had improvements under way and was prospering, when he had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire. This he replaced by a better one and later sold this farm to advantage, buying his present most desirable farm in 1880, and taking possession of it in 1881. This is one of the model farms of the county, all of the improvements being of the most substantial and modern character, and all of the surroundings indicating the thrift and prosperity which prevails.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lefever, were: Sarah; Martin, who was given an excellent education and taught school for several terms; Amos; twins, both of whom died; David, a student of Annville College, who taught school for ten years and is now publisher of a newspaper at Ephrata;

Eliza, the twin of David, born Jan. 5, 1855; Elias, who is a Baptist clergyman, in Ephrata; Martha, a deceased twin sister of the latter; John; and Emma. The beloved mother of this family died Sept. 10, 1894, having been a devoted Christian, a member of the Old Mennonite faith, a kind neighbor and a woman of the most exemplary character. David Lefever is also a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, and is a man who possesses the respect of the community in which he has lived so long. His influence is always given in the direction of education, charity and temperance.

F. W. WOOLWORTH, the millionaire owner of seventy-five Ten Cent Stores, all east of Pittsburgh, and who has erected the finest business block in Lancaster, and one of the finest in the State, practically began his business life in that city, as it was there he achieved his first pronounced success. The store which he established here June 21, 1879, was a small affair 14x35 feet, at No. 170 North Queen street, but it was a success from the moment he opened its doors. In recognition of the encouragement which the Lancaster people had given him at the beginning of his career, Mr. Woolworth put up the magnificent structure on North Queen street, known as the Woolworth Building, which was opened to the public just before the Christmas holidays of 1900. This gentleman is regarded as a Lancastrian, not only by adoption, but by feeling, sympathy and loyalty. Although modest and unassuming to a marked degree, there is that about him which indicates the strength of purpose and execution of a giant. In the *New York Tribune*, Jan. 6, 1901, appeared a half-page article, accompanied by pictures of himself, his Lancaster building, and his palatial residence at Fifth Avenue and 80th street, New York City, of which F. W. Woolworth was the subject. From this lengthy and interesting article the substance of the following paragraphs is taken:

"In the old Stewart building, on the corner of Broadway and Chambers street, New York, a capacious suite of rooms is occupied as the headquarters of the Woolworth stores. From this private office Mr. Woolworth keeps his hand upon the large commercial structure which he has reared. With the telephone he talks with his seventy-five managers whenever the occasion requires, hears their verbal reports and gives orders for their guidance. Each store has a local manager; there is one man who does nothing but look after the various fixtures of the different properties; two inspectors, who keep constantly on the move, and arrive when least expected; a financial manager; five buyers of domestic goods, and two of foreign goods; and a large force of office employees.

"Mr. Woolworth's buyers go abroad on business every year, and the population of several considerable German towns is entirely occupied in filling his orders. This plan goes far to explain the large value received by the purchasers of the Woolworth goods.





Cash is paid, and there is no middle profit. Mr. Woolworth imports a larger tonnage of toys and tree ornaments than all other United States buyers put together, more than one-half the product of the world. In the holiday season he employs more than 5,000 people in this country, while in midsummer his employes may not number more than 1,800. His salary list last year exceeded half a million dollars."

F. W. Woolworth, the proprietor of the Woolworth stores, is typical of the Americans who see the road to success through original ideas, who have the courage and pluck to follow that path. Still on the sunny side of fifty years, erect, clear-eyed and vigorous, direct of speech and manner, it is not difficult to see in him the qualities that have made American trade and commerce synonymous with enterprise and pluck the world over. Mr. Woolworth comes of an English and Irish stock, and was born in Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on his father's farm, April 13, 1852. He had ten years' schooling, walking two miles back and forth for it in the hard winter weather of that country, and in the summer helping his father on the farm. The elder Woolworth moved to Great Bend, N. Y., in March, 1859, where he bought another farm. Here, the boy led the life of a farmer until he was twenty-one years old, in the meantime completing a thorough course at the Watertown Commercial College. This was done by the exercise of the strictest economy, young Woolworth and his chum boarding themselves, while his mother not only made his clothes, but drove in the old mare from the farm ten miles away, every week, and brought them a basket of "board."

Following his graduation young Woolworth went to work in the dry-goods store of Augsburg & Moore, which became Moore & Smith, of Watertown, N. Y., who introduced a five cent counter where Woolworth got the idea of a five cent store. For six years he remained at Watertown, displaying such business ability that his employers backed him with a small line of credit for the establishment of a store in Utica. This was in February, 1879, and the enterprise was practically a failure. Undaunted and undiscouraged his former employers extended the credit of Mr. Woolworth, and he came to Lancaster, Pa., to open a store near the corner of North Queen and Chestnut streets. This was a success, and from it Mr. Woolworth has gone on to a brilliant career.

Mr. Woolworth was married June 11, 1876, to Miss Jennie Creighton, then of Watertown, N. Y., her father, Thomas Creighton, being a farmer of Picton, Ontario, Canada. This union was blessed with the birth of three children, Helena, Edna and Jessie, the latter still at school. They all display marked musical talent, and enjoy the best opportunities of the great metropolis.

EDWARD J. KNOX, who is now a retired farmer at Christiana, where he has in former days ably filled the position of justice of the peace, is one of the prominent citizens of this part of Lancaster coun-

ty, and sustains a well-earned reputation for ability and character. Mr. Knox was born in Leacock township, this county, Dec. 20, 1844, son of David S. and Anna (Jacobs) Knox, also natives of that township.

David S. Knox, who was a prominent and wealthy farmer, began life with nothing to help him but his strong arm and good clear mind, and he left at his death an estate of over \$60,000. His later years were spent in Salisbury township, where he lived retired from business cares and activities, and where he passed away Dec. 8, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine. His wife, Anna Jacobs, died in 1888, at the age of sixty-seven, and both were buried in Bellevue Cemetery at Gap, Pa. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born the following children: Edward J., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Robert N., a drover and cattle dealer at Gap; Martha A., on the old home farm in Salisbury township; John D., a farmer in Sadsbury township; Eva M., married to Harry Reeser, a farmer in Chester county; and Clara, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Edward J. Knox were Robert and Martha (Sterling) Knox, farming people of Leacock township, where they spent their lives. His maternal grandfather was Edward Jacobs, also a farmer of Leacock township.

Edward J. Knox remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, when he took charge of one of his father's farms, which he carried on for six years before he was married. After that event he continued to live on this place for a few years, and then settled on another farm in Sadsbury township. After a time he purchased a farm in that township, on which he made his home until 1900, when he gave up active work and located in Christiana, where he lives retired. Shortly before his removal to his present quarters he was elected justice of the peace at his home in Sadsbury township, for a term of five years.

On Jan. 9, 1873, Edward J. Knox was married, in Sadsbury township, to Frances A. Williams, a daughter of Zachariah B. and Hannah (Dolby) Williams. He and his wife belong to the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, and are highly respected for their many good qualities. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has proved himself a good and upright citizen.

HENRY B. BUCH, an enterprising and prosperous coachmaker in Lititz, was born Oct. 23, 1825, at Kissillhill, Lancaster Co., Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Maria (Brubaker) Buch, also natives of Lancaster county. Jacob Buch was born at Kissillhill in 1810, was a blacksmith and coachmaker, was a Democrat in politics, and died in 1877; his widow is now eighty-six years old. Their children were: Henry B., whose name opens this article; Jonathan B., deceased; Sarah, wife of Joseph R. Bollinger, of Lititz; Jacob A., in the lumber business in Reading,



Pa.; and Franklin E., manager of the Keystone Knitting Mill, but a coachmaker by trade.

Henry B. Buch was reared at Kissillhill, was educated in the common schools and at an academy in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county. He first learned the blacksmith's trade under his father, and then woodwork and painting under Isaac Hollinger. At the age of twenty-two years he married and started in business at Kissillhill, and for twenty-four years did an extensive business, employing a large number of hands. In 1879 he came to Lititz, and for a time was connected in business with his son-in-law, and later with the Grosh Carriage Co. In 1890 he started in business on a small scale, on his own account, and now does quite an extensive business in coach manufacturing and in repairing.

On May 12, 1857, Mr. Buch married Miss Catherine L. Stehman, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Stehman, and to this union have been born five children, of whom two only reached the years of maturity, viz.: Elizabeth Ida, wife of Joseph B. Wissler, a farmer in Clay township; and Ellen, married to John M. Amer, manager of Barney McGran's farms, at Lancaster. Mr. Buch is a member of the Evangelical Church. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and is very popular with his party and with the public, as is evidenced by the fact that he has been twice elected a burgess—a body which stands four Republicans to one Democrat. He has also been a member of the Democratic county committee, and has often been sent as a delegate to Democratic conventions. He is a useful and public-spirited citizen, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand in promoting the prosperity of his borough and township.

GEORGE H. ROATH, patternmaker and general machinist for the Marietta Casting Co., and residing in East Donegal township, West Marietta borough, was born in this township Sept. 26, 1850, son of Hon. E. D. and Susan W. (Hipple) Roath, of whom a full biography is given on another page in this work.

George H. Roath lived on a farm from 1860 until 1865, then located in Marietta and worked at various occupations until 1868, when he entered a coachmaker's shop and there worked two and a half years. He was next employed by his father, who was conducting a machine shop in partnership with a Mr. Stibgen, learned the trade, and became an expert mechanic, but in 1873 the father sold out his interest. George H. then went to Middletown, Pa., for a few months, and thence to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he worked in a steam-engine foundry a few months longer. Owing to the panic in the fall of 1873, he thought it prudent to return to Marietta, Pa., where he worked at coachmaking until 1874, then as a machinist until 1875. In 1876 Mr. Roath and Henry Stoner leased a foundry in Drumore township and operated it until 1878, when Mr. Roath returned to Marietta, and for two and a half years conducted a machine shop for R. J. Clark & Co. His next em-

ployment was on the road as engineer for the American Steam & Heating Co. From 1884 until 1889 Mr. Roath worked in a sash and door factory, and then accepted his present position with the Marietta Casting Co., giving the greatest possible satisfaction, as he is a natural-born mechanic, and can make almost anything that can be made from iron or wood.

In June, 1887, Mr. Roath married, in Marietta, Maria Fisher, and to this marriage came one child, who died young. Mrs. Maria (Fisher) Roath was born near Birmingham, England, daughter of Edwin and Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher. Edwin Fisher, who is now living in retirement in East Donegal township, was born in Smethwick, Staffordshire, England, July 2, 1818, son of Joseph and Mary (Johnson) Fisher, the former of whom served seven years in the British army, participating in the war in the Spanish peninsula, the battle of Waterloo, and on his discharge was decorated with four bars by the Government. To Joseph and Mary Fisher were born: Edwin, father of Mrs. Roath; Eliza, Salina, Mary, Matilda, Hannah and Sarah, all of whom were married and all deceased, save Edwin. Joseph Fisher died in England in 1855, and his wife in 1871, at the age of seventy-two years. Of the children, Edwin, Salina and Mary came to America.

To the marriage of Edwin and Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher were born the following children: Sarah A., who was married to Joseph Mason, but both of whom are now deceased; Joseph, a machinist in Marietta; and Maria, now Mrs. George H. Roath. Mrs. Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher, daughter of Isaac and Ann Marrifield, died in 1876, at the age of seventy-six years, and her mortal remains were interred in Marietta. Edwin Fisher was a glassblower in England, and came to America in 1872 with the intention of becoming a farmer, but changed his mind after arrival. He settled in Marietta and worked in the hollow-ware works until 1888, when he retired, and now, with George H. Roath and wife, has his pleasant home in the city of his adoption.

Mr. and Mrs. Roath are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mr. Roath is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Red Men and the Knights of Malta. In politics he is a Republican, and socially the family are universally respected.

AMOS F. HERR, one of the old and honored citizens of West Lampeter township, was born on the old homestead that lies adjacent to the Longenecker Church (which in fact occupies a part of the farm), May 18, 1818, a son of Francis and Fannie (Neff) Herr, natives of West Lampeter and Strasburg townships, respectively. The grandfather of Amos F. also bore the name of Francis Herr.

Francis Herr, the father of Amos F., was born in West Lampeter township, and there passed his life following the occupation of farming, and possessing such fine business qualifications that he was often called upon to settle estates. In local politics he was much interested, and took a forward position





in the community. For many years he was a director in the Farmers' National Bank at Lancaster. Several farms in the two townships belonged to him, and he ranked among the successful men of his day. When he died he was sixty-nine, and his wife lived to be eighty. She belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church, and was the mother of the following children: Cyrus N., Franklin J., Amos F., Elizabeth, Anna, Fannie, Charlotte and Amanda.

Amos F. Herr was reared on the farm of his birth and educated in the common schools. Remaining at home until his marriage in 1848, he then located on the property where he still makes his home. It belonged to his father, and comprises 122 acres along the Strasburg pike, at the Longenecker Church. This is one of the most desirable and attractive homes of Lancaster county, and the residence, which was erected in 1810 by John Longenecker, has been greatly remodelled since it came into his possession. He also owns fifty-six acres in Martic township, and a six-acre tract of timber land in Drumore township. His attention has been given to farming, and by his industry and integrity he has won the warm regard of a wide circle of friends.

On Oct. 22, 1848, Amos F. Herr was married to Anna Frantz, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1828, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Miller) Frantz. The following family has blessed this union: Homer A. is a mechanical engineer in Philadelphia; Francis C., a physician in Ottawa, Kans., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania; Willis C. is a traveling salesman for the Keystone Manufacturing Co., of York, and has his home in Strasburg; Harry N. is a civil engineer in Lancaster, and a graduate of Lehigh University; Ida E. is the wife of Amos R. Frantz, of York, Pa.; Mary F. is unmarried and lives at home; Anna A. is the wife of A. Lincoln Moyer, of the Conestoga Bank, of Lancaster; Edith C., the wife of J. Elmer Frantz, of Waynesboro, Pa.; and Lottie L. is unmarried and at home.

Amos F. Herr and his wife early became members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and their industrious and useful lives have placed them among the most respected people of the county.

**LEVI S. RHOADS.** Among the prominent and successful farmers of Eden township is Levi S. Rhoads, a highly respected citizen of Lancaster county. He was born in Manor township, this county, June 11, 1835, son of George and Elizabeth (Sweigert) Rhoads, both of Neffsville, this county, and both born in 1801. John Rhoads, the grandfather of Levi S., was also a native of Lancaster county, but of Canadian parentage. His family consisted of four sons,—Jacob, John, Henry and George. The three elder brothers moved to Ohio, in which state they all married and established homes.

George Rhoads learned the trade of blacksmith when a young man, and followed same for twenty-five years. He became a citizen of prominence in

the community, and was known as Capt. Rhoads, being the commander of a company of State Militia. He was very prosperous in the pursuit of his trade, but finally bought a farm in Manor township, on which he settled, some years thereafter moving to East Donegal township, near Marietta. There he purchased a large farm upon which he resided until the time of his death, in 1850. Following his decease his widow sold the farm and removed to West Donegal township, later to Maytown, where her death took place in 1879.

A family of seven children was born to George and Elizabeth Rhoads, as follows: Abram S., born in this county, died in Maytown at the age of seventy-seven years, ten months, eleven days, unmarried; Fannie (deceased) was the wife of George Lutz, of Manor township (they left no family); Elizabeth married Benjamin Hoffman, has a family, and resides near Bainbridge; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Henry Shenk, of East Donegal township, and left one daughter, Elizabeth, who is the wife of Eli Nissley, of Maytown; Levi S. is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch; Susan, born in 1837, married Christian Brandt, of Maytown, where they reside (they have no family); George, born in 1840, married Annie Groff, of Maytown, and they reside in Maytown; they have one son, George S., now a young man, who resides at home.

Levi S. Rhoads was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the local district schools and in Marietta. Commencing before the death of his father, and until his marriage, he engaged in farming on the home place. He and his wife settled first near Columbia, where for two years he cultivated a farm. Then he removed to Mountville, where he bought a large farm, upon which he resided for seven years, at the end of that time selling the place advantageously, and removing his family into the village of Mountville. One year later he took charge of a farm in Conoy township, continuing there for two years, and then returned to Mountville.

In 1881 Mr. Rhoads purchased the well-known Jacob Bushong farm, in Eden township, which consists of 143 acres of finely cultivated, fertile land. It is by far one of the best farms in that part of the county, and Mr. Rhoads has spared neither labor nor money in its improvement.

In 1864 Levi S. Rhoads and Miss Frances Herr, of Lancaster, were united in marriage. She was the estimable daughter of Abram H. and Maria Herr, prominent old settlers of the county, and was born in Salunga, West Hempfield township, Jan. 24, 1845, received exceptional educational advantages, and is a lady of education and culture. She is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads ten children have been born, as follows: Mary, born in this county Jan. 21, 1866, married A. B. Collom, a machinist of Philadelphia, where they reside; they have no children. Abram H., born July 25, 1867, married Miss Mary Herr, a native of Drumore town-





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ship, who was a daughter of Benjamin Herr, and they reside on a farm in Eden township: they have three children. Irwin, Jerome and Mary E. Benjamin F., born July 19, 1869, married Miss Jessie McClure, of this county, and they reside in Eden township, where they purchased the Harding Gilbert farm and are farming people; they have three children. Abram T., Francis M. and Margaret I. Levi H., born Jan. 13, 1871, married Miss Katie Groff, daughter of John Groff, a prominent citizen of this county, and he purchased a farm in Eden township; their two children are Edith E. and John L. Lillie F., born Oct. 9, 1873, married Benjamin F. Yunginger, a resident of near Martinsville, and they now live on his farm in Strasburg township; their three children are Jay R., Marion R. and Francis M. Emma S., born March 31, 1876, was educated in the home schools and is a talented and cultivated lady, living at home. Charles H., born August 21, 1880, is unmarried, and is the very capable manager of his father's farm; he stands high in the public esteem. Bertha M., born May 7, 1883, was educated in the home schools, and also in Quarryville high schools, and is a very talented and cultured young lady, an ornament to the home circle. Elsie O., born June 21, 1885, died Sept. 5, 1889. George S., born July 16, 1887, resides at home. This domestic circle has been invaded but once by Death, and is one of the most closely bound and most highly esteemed families of Lancaster county.

In politics Mr. Rhoads has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has most efficiently served as school director for a period of three years. The daughters are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and the unmarried ones manage the home, in which comfort and simplicity reign.

Mr. Rhoads has always been interested in advancing the agricultural interests of his section, has kept thoroughly posted on modern methods, and has not hesitated to make use of them when his judgment assured him of their value. His fine farm is a testimonial to the soundness of his views and methods.

ANDREW F. SHROM, justice of the peace at Vogansville, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and a son of Frederick Shrom, who is now deceased.

Frederick Shrom was a native of Bavaria, where he spent his earlier years, and served in the Bavarian army. Soon after his discharge from the army, he came to this country, and made his home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he entered the employ of Rev. Henry Lantz, a farmer, and a minister of the Amish Church. With that gentleman he made his home until his marriage, when he located in the neighborhood, and worked for the neighboring farmers some years. In 1855 he moved to Illinois, and bought a tract of thirty-six acres near Decatur. The land was covered with timber, and Mr. Shrom set himself to clearing it and making a home for his family, but he died the same year, at the early

age of forty-eight. Coming of Scotch-Irish ancestry, he was in religion a Catholic. Anna Frank, his wife, was a daughter of Jacob Frank, and her ancestors, the Franks and Shaeffers were old settlers and honored residents of Lancaster county. She is still living at the advanced age of eighty-two. After the death of Frederick Shrom, his widow brought her four children back to Lancaster county. They were Andrew F.: John F., a mechanic of Reading; Frederick, a blacksmith of Lancaster; and Susan, who is unmarried, and lives with her mother. Three children of this worthy couple died in infancy.

Andrew F. Shrom was born Feb. 17, 1845, and received but a limited schooling, as he was reared among the Amish. When he was eighteen he struck out in the world for himself. For a time he worked on a farm, and then learned the trade of a brick and stone mason. When he had accomplished this, he began a contracting and building business, in which he has achieved a large success. In the county he has had many large and important contracts, and has employed many men. His work has stood the closest inspection, among his most important constructions being the Ephrata school building, the warehouse, the United Brethren Church, and George W. Kinzer's residence at New Holland. He is not only deeply interested in his business, but is a broad-minded and public-spirited citizen. In politics he has filled the offices of assessor and justice of the peace, holding this last position eleven years. At first he was appointed justice of the peace, and has been re-elected three times. It is a rare compliment to his judicial spirit that none of his decisions have been reversed on appeal to the higher courts. In the Civil war he served during its closing scenes in the Union army, enlisting Feb. 20, 1865, in Co. I, 105th P. V. I., being mustered out Jan. 31, 1866. Much of the time from 1862 he had been out with the forces as a teamster. His patriotic spirit was profound, and he would have been in the ranks before, but was deemed ineligible.

In 1868 Mr. Shrom was married to Miss Lydia Garra, who was born in Earl township, a daughter of David H. and Lucy (Shaffer) Garra. Five children blessed this union: David G., a farmer, married Miss Emma Sensenig, and is the father of three children, Ruth, Blanch and Anos; Anna, the wife of Jacob Fritz, of Reading, Pa., has two children, Jacob and Andrew; Lilly wife of Augustus Lescher, of Reamstown, Pa.; Edgar W. is a teacher in the county schools; and Mabel is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Shrom are members of the Reformed Church, he taking an active part in the church work, and while in New Holland served as deacon and elder. The eldest son is a member of the Evangelical Association. All the family stand high in the community.

LEWIS FRANKLIN SIEGLER, M. D., whose cozy home and offices are at No. 115 South Queen street, is a familiar figure in Lancaster, where his entire life has been passed.





Ludwig Siegler, his father, came from Gruorn (Oberampt Urach), Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1851, and settled in York county, removing to Lancaster the following year. Here, for years, he operated an establishment for the manufacture of bone dust, knife and fork handles, etc., and in 1873 embarked in the hotel business, from which he retired in 1888. He entered into rest March 27, 1894, aged seventy-five years and one week. His widow, who in her maidenhood was Regina Hollinger, was also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. She died Sept. 25, 1901, aged seventy-seven years and seven months. Thirteen children were born to this couple, but only three are now living, namely: Matthias C., a cigar maker, and at one time an efficient member of the police force of Lancaster; Rosie, wife of John Ripple, superintendent for Siegler Bros., cigar manufacturers; and Dr. Lewis Franklin.

Lewis Franklin Siegler was born in Lancaster Sept. 8, 1866, and, after receiving a good education in the public schools of the city, read medicine with the late Dr. Henry Carpenter, one of Lancaster's most prominent physicians. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1886, and immediately after graduation, he began the practice of his profession in Lancaster—first in an office in East King street, later in East Orange street, and finally in South Lime street, where he bought a home. In 1891 Dr. Siegler removed to Reinhold's Station, this county, where he practiced medicine and surgery until 1898, at which time he returned to Lancaster, and, abandoning the practice of his profession, became the general agent for Lancaster, Dauphin and Lebanon counties of the American Relief Association, an organization which not only pays a benefit at death, but which pays a weekly amount in case of sickness or accident. This system of insurance is so admirable that it commends itself to all intelligent people, and Dr. Siegler is so able and effective in his furthering of its interests, that his name appears monthly on the "roll of honor" in the monthly publication issued by the association, no man's name appearing on that roll unless he has written twenty applications during the month. The Association had received 23,543 applications up to Dec. 1, 1902, and had paid \$80,536.38 in benefits up to that date—a most remarkable showing. So conspicuous have been the Doctor's services that he was elected a director of the Association in 1899, and re-elected in 1900, 1901 and 1902.

Dr. Siegler has been twice married. His first wife, Ellen Lutz, of Ohio, died May 12, 1898. On Oct. 20, 1899, the Doctor married Margaret L. Miller, of Bridgewater, Va., and three children have been born of this union: Lewis F., Jr., born in 1900; Anna Marguerite, who passed away Aug. 30, 1901, aged ten weeks; and Reinhold Richard, born Sept. 30, 1902. During Dr. Siegler's active practice in Lancaster, he served two years as health commissioner, and two terms as physician to the Lancaster county prison. Politically he is a staunch Republi-

can and active in party work. In religious belief, a Lutheran, he is affiliated with Trinity Church. While practicing his profession he was a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, and of the State Medical Association of Pennsylvania, to which latter organization he was one time sent as a delegate from the local society. Dr. Siegler has always been active and enterprising, and so positive in his convictions that there is never an uncertainty as to his position.

MICHAEL HARNISH (deceased) was in his life time one of the well-known residents of West Lampeter township, where he was born Jan. 7, 1798, and where he died in September, 1881.

Jacob Harnish, his father, was a farmer of West Lampeter township, and cultivated his father's farm as long as he lived, dying at the age of fifty-two years, his father surviving him four years. Jacob Harnish left a family of six children: Michael, whose name introduces this article; Jacob, who moved to Cumberland county, Pa., where he died; John, who moved to Ohio, where he died; Emanuel, who moved to Cumberland county, where he died; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Hershey, of Mt. Joy township; and Mrs. Coyer, who moved to Ohio. Jacob Harnish and his wife were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Michael Harnish was reared and spent his life in West Lampeter township, where he owned the old homestead farm of 118 acres, which at present belongs to George Lampeter. He also owned a farm of eighty-two acres, which is now owned by David Kendig, a son-in-law. A timber lot of six acres, which belonged to him, is now the property of Benjamin Harnish.

Michael Harnish was an industrious and honorable man, who possessed the confidence of the people to a very unusual degree. Susanna Hess, who became his wife, died in 1883, at the age of eighty-five years. To this union were born: Catherine married Benjamin L. Denlinger, who preceded her to the grave; Ann married Henry Zindt, of East Lampeter township, and is now dead; Benjamin; Mary, the wife of Amos Weaver, of East Lampeter township, is now deceased; Susanna is the wife of David Kendig, of West Lampeter township; Michael is now living in Lancaster; and Jacob is also a resident of Lancaster. The parents of these children belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

BENJAMIN HARNISH was born Dec. 14, 1828, and was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common school. When he was twenty-two he began farming operations on his own account, cultivating his father's place for a year, and then went into the country north of Lancaster, where he remained four years. Returning to West Lampeter township, he again engaged in the cultivation of his father's farm, and continued with him some five years. At the expiration of that time he bought a farm of seventy-seven acres from his father-in-law,



Martin Harnish, in East Lampeter township, and there for more than twenty years he made his home, and it is now owned by his son, Elam. In 1882 Benjamin Harnish moved to the farm he has since occupied in West Lampeter township, containing twenty acres at the time it passed into his possession. Since buying it he has added seventeen acres to it, and greatly improved it. Adjoining this he owns a tract of fifty acres, and both of these are being conducted by his son, Michael, an expert young farmer, while Mr. Harnish himself has lived retired since 1890. He also owns sixty-two acres in East Lampeter township, which his son, John A., manages and cultivates. Mr. Harnish has ever been a leading farmer, and his integrity and industry have won for him a large circle of friends.

Benjamin Harnish was married Nov. 7, 1850, to Susanna, daughter of Martin and Martha (Weaver) Harnish, who was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 11, 1831, and is still living. To this union were born: Benjamin, a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Emma Groff, by whom he has had eight children; Elam, a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Emma Froelich, by whom he has had four children; Emma, the wife of Samuel Eshleman, of Strasburg township, is the mother of four children; John, who is a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Catherine Frye; Martin is living at home; and Michael, who lives on the home place, married Miss Lizzie Nolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harnish belong to the Reformed Mennonite Church, and are people highly esteemed for their good works and excellent character.

HENRY F. McCANNA, of Columbia, and a well-known conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Gordonville, Lancaster county, May 2, 1850. John and Elizabeth (Starr) McCanna, his parents, were natives of Lancaster county, where they resided until 1859, when they removed to Chester county. John McCanna had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years as foreman of construction and died in Chester county, Feb. 13, 1885, when seventy-two years old. His widow, who was born July 21, 1814, now has her home with her son, Henry F., in Columbia. To this venerable couple were born eleven children, in the following order: Mary J., widow of Harry Whitman, of Cumberland county, Pa.; Kate, William and James, deceased; Sue, married to David Boyer, of Harrisburg; John, deceased; Emma, residing in Harrisburg and unmarried; Henry F.; Cecelia, wife of Joseph Quinn, of York, Pa.; Alice, deceased; and George, a brakeman at Harrisburg.

The paternal grandparents of Henry F. McCanna came from Ireland and settled in Lancaster county, when children, and there the grandfather plied his trade of carpet weaver until his death; the maternal grandparents were natives of Chester county and early settled in Lancaster county.

Henry F. McCanna lived on the farm with his

parents until twenty years of age and then began braking on the Pennsylvania Railroad; two years later he was made a flagman, and two years afterward was promoted to a conductorship.

On May 20, 1874, Mr. McCanna married Miss Salome A. Knipe, and their family of children were six in number, viz.: John M., a physician in Philadelphia; Harry A., a telegraph operator in Philadelphia; William K., deceased; Charles B., a clerk at Columbia; Maria M., deceased; and George R., baggage master at Lancaster. Mrs. Salome A. McCanna was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1855, a daughter of Henry C. and Maria (Knipe) Knipe, of Lebanon county. Henry C. Knipe was a blacksmith and died April 25, 1805, aged thirty-six years. To his marriage were born six children, viz.: Henry and John, who died in infancy; Salome; Kate, wife of John Welsh, of Philadelphia; and Ida and Anna, deceased. Mrs. Maria Knipe, some five and a half years after the death of her husband, married John Ross, who died in March, 1893, and to this marriage was born one child, Laura, wife of Luke Lederman, a merchant in Los Angeles, Cal. The mother resides in Philadelphia, at the age of seventy years. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. McCanna were Henry and Elizabeth (O'Connor) Nipe, and the maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Farmer) Nipe, all of Lebanon county, Pa. The two grandfathers were brothers, and the change of the name from Nipe to Knipe came during the war, when Gen. Knipe, a brother of Mrs. Ross, began spelling his name with the "K." and the family adopted that spelling.

Henry F. McCanna is a member of the O. of R. C., and of the Church of God, and in politics is a Republican. Socially he and family are held in very high esteem by their neighbors, and as a conductor Mr. McCanna has the implicit confidence of his Company.

MAJOR MICHAEL BRENNEMAN STRICKLER, a retired farmer and a gallant ex-Union officer of the war of the Rebellion, was born in West Hempfield township, Oct. 10, 1831, and West Hempfield township is still his home.

Henry H. and Ann (Brenneman) Strickler, his parents, were born, respectively, on this homestead in West Hempfield township and in the township of East Donegal. Henry H. Strickler was an extensive cattle dealer, who made trips to Virginia each fall, bought stock, fattened it and shipped it to market. Mr. Strickler was the owner also of a fine farm of 138 acres, which was always under a high state of cultivation, and which was utilized also for fattening live stock. On this homestead he passed away June 18, 1841, at the early age of thirty-eight years, but his widow lived to be eighty-one years old, and she died Oct. 8, 1885. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and their remains were interred in the family burying ground on the present homestead. In politics Mr. Strickler was an old-





line Whigg. To Henry H. Strickler and wife were born four children, of whom Catherine E. died in infancy; Sarah J., deceased, was married to John S. Given; Jacob H. died on the homestead; and Michael B. is the gentleman in whose interest this sketch is chiefly prepared. The paternal grandparents of the Major were Jacob and Sarah (Wilson) Strickler, the former of whom was born on the West Hempfield homestead, and the latter in York county, and to their union were born three sons and eight daughters. Jacob Strickler was very wealthy, owning 3,000 acres of land in this community. He and wife died on the farm now owned by the Major.

Henry Strickler, paternal great-grandfather of Major Strickler, came from Switzerland to America in 1727, sailing on the ship "Friendship" from Rotterdam, Capt. John Davis, and coming via Cowes, England, which port he left June 30, 1727, with 200 other passengers, and eventually reached Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of Major Strickler were Michael and Catharine (Snyder) Breneman, of Donegal township, now Conoy township and to their union were born two children only: John, deceased; and Ann, mother of the Major, also deceased.

Michael B. Strickler remained on the home farm until 1857, and then traveled a year in Virginia. Upon his return North he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman at Columbia from 1858 until 1861, when in the fall he enlisted, in Philadelphia, in the 8th P. V. C., was mustered in as chief, or regimental, bugler, and remained with the regiment until February, 1863, when all musicians were mustered out by special order. Ex-Bugler Strickler now raised a company of cavalymen, which was assigned as Co. B to the 20th P. V. C., with himself as captain, and at the expiration of six months the company veteranized, re-enlisting for three years or during the war. The Captain had in the meantime been promoted to Major, and took part in all the marches and engagements and skirmishes in which his regiment had a share and served until honorably discharged at Cloud's Mills, W. Va., June 20, 1865, with the rank of Major, although he had frequently acted as Colonel of his regiment.

On returning home the Major purchased two teams and hauled stone for the furnaces in his vicinity for two years, and was then re-employed by the railroad company as brakeman for a few years. Renting a farm adjoining that which he now owns, he farmed it for five years, and then worked for the railroad company a year and a half. Finally, in 1879, by reason of his mother's age and his brother's ill health, he settled on his present farm, on which he was born.

In August, 1866, at Philadelphia, Major Strickler married Marian Virginia Corbit, who was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1846, daughter of William and Mary L. (Spriguan) Corbit, the former of whom was the State printer at the time, but who later died in York, where he had been engaged in printing,

book binding, publishing, etc. No children have been born of this union.

Major Strickler is a member of Post No. 118, G. A. R., at Columbia, and in politics is a Republican. He and wife are members of the Reformed Church, and socially stand with the best circles in Lancaster county.

**MARTIN WEAVER.** The name of Weaver in Lancaster county is well-known, and represents integrity, morality and wealth. Hanns Weber, or in English John Weaver, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, was a native of Switzerland, who came to America in 1717, locating in Lancaster county, where he took up a large tract of land, consisting of 370 acres in West Lampeter township, one mile northeast of Lampeter Square. Here he engaged in farming and spent the balance of his life, leaving at death one son, Jacob, who inherited the property, and in turn transmitted it to his descendants, and the greater part of the original estate is still in the possession of the family. Many changes have been made, divisions and sub-divisions, but could the original owner return to view his old home, he would find in place of the wild land and forest trees, great fields of waving grain and lush meadows where sleek cattle browse, and also eleven residences and a school house in which his children's children are instructed. Surely he would feel satisfied that it was indeed a "goodly heritage."

Jacob Weaver, son of the founder, had twin sons born to him, on July 4, 1750, and at his death he divided the estate equally between them. His marriage was to Magdalena Barr, and the family consisted of four children: Jacob and John, twins; Magdalena, who married Jacob Rohrer; and Barbara, who married Abraham Herr. John Weaver married Ann Landis and died in 1832.

Jacob Weaver, son of Jacob, born July 4, 1750, died July 25, 1824. He married Esther Neff, who was born Sept. 27, 1756, and died Feb. 2, 1817, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Brackhill) Neff. They reared the following family of children: (1) John, born Oct. 3, 1777, died Nov. 10, 1779. (2) Susannah, born Nov. 23, 1779, died April 30, 1805. (3) Jacob, born Sept. 12, 1780, died Nov. 1, 1872; he married Mrs. Anna Mylin, daughter of Francis and Fannie (Barr) Herr, and had a family of six children, all of whom died young. (4) Samuel, born March 8, 1782, died Oct. 23, 1840; he married Magdalena Rush, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Keidig) Rush, and they had seven children. (5) Ann, born March 28, 1784, died Oct. 24, 1865. (6) David, born Nov. 25, 1785, died Oct. 2, 1817. (7) Martha, born May 16, 1787, died Dec. 10, 1864; she married Martin Harnish, son of David and Lizzie (Gross) Harnish, and they had three children. (8) John, born June 12, 1789, died Aug. 24, 1860; he married Elizabeth Kreider, who was born Jan. 23, 1797, daughter of Christian and Ann (Harnish) Kreider, and who died May 26, 1886, the mother of nine chil-





dren. (9) Rev. Joseph, born April 5, 1792, died April 5, 1872; he married, first, Barbara Barr, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Kendig) Barr, by whom he had seven children; on March 5, 1813, he married, second, Mrs. Esther Brubaker, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bowman) Stehman, and they had two children. (10) Elizabeth, born March 10, 1794, died Sept. 20, 1820; she married Rev. Henry Bowman, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Herr) Bowman, and they had one child. (11) Hettie, born April 5, 1798, died July 3, 1881; she married Jacob Lantz, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rodaker) Lantz, and they had twelve children. The parents of this family belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

John Weaver, the eighth child of the above family, was born on the old homestead in Lampeter township, where his father and grandfather had first seen the light, and was reared to be a good farmer and worthy citizen. A portion of the old farm came to him by inheritance, and here he spent his life in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, and here he and his good and pious wife worthily reared a family of nine children: (1) Martin, born Aug. 6, 1820, married Nov. 28, 1843, Annie C. Herr, who was born Jan. 26, 1816, daughter of Francis and Fannie (Neff) Herr; she died Sept. 7, 1882, the mother of four children. (2) Christian, born May 14, 1823, married Nov. 6, 1849, Rebecca Brubaker, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Steaman) Brubaker; she was born Feb. 14, 1831, and became the mother of ten children. (3) Amos, born May 22, 1825, married, Dec. 10, 1850, Mary Harnish, who was born Feb. 16, 1831, daughter of Michael and Susan (Hess) Harnish; she died April 11, 1894, the mother of seven children. They were residents of East Lampeter township. (4) Elizabeth, born May 2, 1827, resides in Strasburg. (5) Ann, born March 25, 1829, died Feb. 24, 1899. (6) John K., born March 15, 1832, married Rebecca Frantz, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Miller) Frantz, and they have one child. (7) Cyrus J., born March 2, 1835, married Oct. 7, 1856, Mary Witmer, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Newcomer) Witmer, and they have four children; they reside near Lenover, in Chester county. (8) Francis J., born April 7, 1838, married Mary Buckwalter, a daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Mylin) Buckwalter, and they have four children; they reside on a part of the old estate in Lampeter township. (9) Dr. Jacob G., born April 9, 1840, married Dec. 31, 1873, Lizzie Shultz, daughter of Christian and Maria (Dieffenbach) Shultz, who was born July 28, 1846, and they have six children. All of these children were reared in the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Martin Weaver, eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Kreider) Weaver, was born on the old homestead. His education was acquired in the common schools of his district and he prepared himself for an agricultural life. His first essay for himself was on the old homestead, which he successfully managed for two years, and then rented a farm in

West Lampeter township from his father, where he remained three years, and spent the succeeding three on a farm in Strasburg township, finally settling down upon a fine farm of 107 acres, located in East Lampeter, some six miles east of Lancaster. Until his retirement from activity, in 1875, this was his home, but at that date he purchased a comfortable little property at Midway, on the Strasburg and Lancaster Pike road, and made his home there until 1899, when he removed into Strasburg, where he and his sister Elizabeth, reside together. For the past fifty-four years, Mr. Weaver has been one of the leading members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, while for fifty years his sister has also been a member of that beautiful faith.

In 1882 Mr. Weaver lost his wife, leaving him four children: (1) Frances E., born June 8, 1846, was married Dec. 1, 1872, to John H. Weaver, son of Rev. Henry and Anna (Howery) Weaver, and they have three children, Elmer G., Charles M., and Cora. (2) Anna M., born Sept. 19, 1849, was married, Dec. 10, 1876, to Daniel D. Girvin, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dieffenbach) Girvin, and they have three children, Meta, Anna, and Emily. (3) Enos H., born Aug. 3, 1851, was married, Oct. 8, 1879, to Mary N. Musser, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Naomi (Herr) Musser, who died Oct. 6, 1895, leaving six children, Myrtle, Annie, Maud, Martin M., Mary and Ruth. The second marriage of Enos Weaver was to Annie Esbenshade, and they have one daughter, Catherine. (4) Ida Naomi, born Aug. 27, 1854, married Dec. 26, 1875, Rev. John Kohr, a son of John and Hettie (Denlinger) Kohr, and they have one child, Enos W., born in 1879, and they reside in Manheim township. This numerous and long-lived family is connected by marriage with many of the other old and prominent families of the county, and very generally belongs to the Mennonite faith.

LANDIS LEVAN, a merchant miller of Lancaster township, is a member of an old and highly respected family of this section of country.

George Levan, his father, was born in Berks county Feb. 7, 1817, and came to Lancaster county, when a boy of thirteen. At this early age he engaged with a Mr. Bowman, of Ephrata, and learned the fulling trade. About 1843 he began the manufacture of woolen goods, near Bareville, where he remained for two years, and then located at Intercourse, continuing the manufacture of woolen goods for a number of years. In 1857 he moved to Wabank, where he took charge of a woolen mill, and two years later he assumed control of a flour mill, running the two establishments in conjunction. There he remained, successfully engaged in his work until 1863, when he removed to what is known as the Willow Grove mills, Manor township, and for five years operated that concern. At the expiration of this time he located in Lancaster City, and operated a woolen mill on Prince street, continuing there until 1870, when he erected the works known as the Levan mills, about



a mile south of Lancaster City, on the Lancaster and New Danville pike, and conducted a woolen and flour mill until 1877, when he abandoned the woolen mill and converting the whole building into a flouring mill, operated it until his death, which occurred May 19, 1892. George Levan was a very worthy man, beloved by his friends and trusted by all who knew him. For twenty-five years he was trustee of the State Normal school at Millersville, and was chairman of the building committee when the beautiful chapel was erected. In his religious affiliations he was a member of the German Baptist Church, and took an active part in its work. He married Nancy Landis, and to them were born: Samuel L., now in partnership with our subject; Mary A., who died unmarried in 1900; Sallie A., wife of J. J. Ross, of Seaford, Del.; and Landis.

Landis Levan was born at Ephrata, June 20, 1855, and remained with his father until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education at the district schools, and at the State Normal School at Millersville. A partnership was then formed, the members of the firm being George Levan and his two sons, Samuel and Landis, under the style of Levan & Sons, which name is still retained. The mill has a capacity of two hundred barrels per day, and they export considerable of their product to Scotland. Landis Levan has since that time devoted his entire attention to the merchant milling business, and has attained a success that is enviable. For thirteen years he was secretary of the State Millers' Association, and has been its treasurer for twenty-two years.

Landis Levan was married to Miss Laura E. Martin, daughter of John J. and Catherine Martin, and to them five children were born: S. High, of Lancaster City; George K., Catherine E., Marie L. and John J., all at home. The beautiful home erected by George Levan in 1877 is now the property of Landis Levan, and is considered one of the finest residences in the entire township, and is conveniently located to the works. Mr. Levan is justly regarded as one of the representative and leading men of Lancaster county, and has always given his support to all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community, where he has passed all of his business life, and in which he and his family have so many friends. His political principles are those of the Republican party.

**GEORGE HEIM.** No better illustration of the characteristic energy and enterprise of the typical German-American citizen can be found than that afforded by the career of this gentleman, who at present is practically living a retired life in Columbia, Pa. Coming to this country with no capital except his abilities, he has made his way to success through wisely directed effort, and can now look back with satisfaction upon past struggles.

Mr. Heim was born Feb. 13, 1832, in Hessel-Darmstadt, Germany, where his parents, Adam and Catherine (Yorhann) Heim spent their entire lives.

In his younger years the father followed the shoemaker's trade, and later worked as a lumberman. He died in 1857, aged seventy-five years; his wife died aged ninety-five years. Their children were: Peter, who died in Germany; John, a shoemaker of York county, Pa.; Leonard, a millwright of Germany; George; and Catherine, who married George Beitsel, a miller, and died in Germany.

During his boyhood George Heim attended school until fourteen years of age, and then commenced learning the shoemaker's trade, which he has made his life work. On Dec. 23, 1852, he came to America, and first located in East Prospect, York Co., Pa., where he followed his chosen occupation four years, but since then his home has been in Columbia. There he has met with success, and is now quite well-to-do, being able to lay aside active labor. For the past five years he has practically lived retired, though he does a little work now and then. For twelve years he has been a director of St. Joseph's Building Association, and he is also a director of the Home Building & Loan Association, which was founded in 1899. The Democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he is an active member of Salem German Lutheran Church.

On May 20, 1856, in Columbia, Mr. Heim married Miss Christina Gussler, a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and a daughter of George Gussler, a mason by trade, who spent his entire life in that country. Mrs. Heim came to America in 1854, and died Feb. 9, 1895, at the age of sixty-four years. She left four children, namely: George, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia, married Ella Carter, and has four children, Rosa, Charles, Clara and Lillie; John, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and a resident of Columbia, married Lizzie Ambrose, and they have three children, Edgar, Harry and Walter; Charles, a baker of Prospect, Pa., married Emma Leber, but they have no children; and Lillie is the wife of Edwin Marley, a bricklayer of Columbia, and they have two children, George and May.

**MARTIN HUBER.** Although each man builds his own character, it is a satisfaction to belong to a family whose name in one locality has stood for honor and respectability for generations, and such is the case in the present instance. Martin Huber, one of the most highly respected citizens of West Lampeter township, is a worthy representative of one of the best and most favorably known agricultural families in this locality.

Henry Huber, his grandfather, with his wife Anna, were, during life standard bearers in the Old Mennonite Church, and hospitable and esteemed residents of one of the excellent farms of this region.

Jacob Huber, son of Henry, was also a farmer. He died at the age of forty-one, while his wife, Mary Herr, lived to be sixty-one, rearing a family of five children: Jacob, a farmer of the county; died near Beaver; Henry moved to Illinois, where he





died; Susanna; Eliza, who married Cyrus Zittle, is deceased; the only members of the family surviving being Martin and Susanna, the latter now about seventy years of age.

Martin Huber was born on the old family farm near Big Springs, July 23, 1823, a son of Jacob and Mary (Herr) Huber, and was reared and educated in the common schools of the district. At the early age of ten years he left home, and went to live with an uncle, with whom he remained until he was eighteen years old. At that time he began to learn the the wheelwright trade under the instruction of Jacob Hoover, and completed his apprenticeship when he was twenty-one. This business Martin followed for fourteen years and then began farming in West Lampeter township, between Lampeter and Strasburg, operating an eighty acre farm for ten years, at the close of that period selling it, and returning to his trade in Willowstreet, which he followed for the succeeding twenty-five years, being industrious and worthy of all confidence. Since that time he has lived in retirement, enjoying a competency which he has earned. Aside from the home property, Martin Huber owns a fine farm of eighty-six acres and both places are well improved, the home dwelling being erected in 1869.

On Nov. 15, 1847, Martin Huber was married to Maria Hoover, daughter of Christian Hoover and Anna (Shaub) Hoover, who was born in Strasburg township Sept. 18, 1825, and four children were born to this union: Aaron, who died in childhood; Anna M., who died young; Emma, who married David A. Huber, of West Lampeter; and Frances E., who married Henry Shenk, a farmer of this township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huber are respected and esteemed in the community, are worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church and well known to a wide circle of friends. Among her neighbors Mrs. Huber is known for her kindness, and also for her skill in care for the sick, being most successful in alleviating whooping cough, by means of some of her own medicines.

**JOHN MARTIN BACHMAN**, the widely-known contracting house carpenter and builder whose beautiful residence is at No. 830 Columbia avenue, is descended from one of the oldest families of Lancaster county, the Bachman family to which he belongs having come to America from Germany with Hans Herr, the progenitor of all the Herrs in this county.

Mr. Bachman has several Bibles in his possession that came to him through his ancestors among the Rohrsers, and one of these bears an inscription, which shows it was in the possession of Mr. Bachman's ancestors as early as 1630.

It is very natural for our subject to be a carpenter by trade, for his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were carpenters, and all of them were born in Lancaster county, where they carried on their trade and died. All of them were named John, and all lived

in the vicinity of Willowstreet, where Mr. Bachman's father died in 1876. The mother of our subject was Annie Herr, a daughter of Benjamin Herr, a farmer of Lampeter. To our subject's parents eleven children were born, of whom the following are living: Abraham, a carpenter of Lampeter; Hattie, widow of Simon Weaver, of Lancaster; Hannah (whom her brother John M. has not seen for thirty-eight years), wife of Christian Zercher, a carpenter of St. Louis, Mo.; Amanda, wife of Benjamin Weaver, of Lancaster; and John Martin, of Lancaster.

John Martin Bachman was born at Pequea, this county, Aug. 6, 1841, and was educated in the public schools of the district. When fifteen years old he became an apprentice at carpentering, learning his trade with his brother Benjamin, at Willowstreet, where he remained until 1895. In that year he built a model dwelling on Columbia avenue, Lancaster, and removed to that city. For more than thirty-five years he has engaged in contracting as a builder, and during that time has erected many hundreds of dwellings, in the city and county, and also in other sections. Some years ago he had a very large contract for the erection of buildings at the well-known sea-side resort of Oceanport, where he put up twelve large structures, including one that covered seven acres. He built eight public school houses in Lancaster county, and was the contractor who built three model barns for the Lancaster County Almshouse—the first in 1883, and the second in 1886; the third in 1902; all were destroyed by fire. He rebuilt the Lancaster County Insane Asylum some years ago, after it had been partially destroyed by fire. Mr. Bachman is a Republican in politics, and served as a justice of the peace for West Lampeter for ten years.

Mr. Bachman has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary B. Harnish, daughter of Jacob Harnish, the retired dry-goods merchant of West King street. After her death he married Susan Harnish, her sister. Four children were born of the first union, only one of whom survives, Jacob, who served in the Spanish American war. To the second marriage have been born four sons, all of whom are living, namely: Benjamin Franklin, a carpenter, who is assisting his father at house-building; John Ira, a plumber, of Pittsburg; Leroy, a watchmaker, employed in the Hamilton Watch Factory, Lancaster; and Arthur Garfield (born on the day that James A. Garfield was nominated for the presidency), who was in the class of 1902, Lehigh University.

A model builder and a model citizen, Mr. Bachman enjoys the highest regard of the entire community, and we honor him—as well as the patriotic deed—by closing this sketch with a deserved tribute to his soldier brother, Amos W. Bachman. The record of this gallant soldier, who gave up his studies at the State Normal School at Millersville, to enlist as a soldier for the Union, is as follows: Private of Co. C, 99th P. V. I., mustered in Aug.



8, 1861; promoted to corporal, sergeant and first sergeant; commissioned second lieutenant, to rank from Feb. 3, 1863; first lieutenant, May 17, 1864; captain, July 8, 1864. Service: 1862, assigned 2nd Brigade, 1st division, 3d Army Corps. Kettle Run or Bristol Station, Aug. 27th; Grovetown and Gainesville, Aug. 28th and 29th; Bull Run, Aug. 30th; Chantilly, Sept. 1st; White Ford, Sept. 15th; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13th. In 1863; assigned to 2nd Brigade, 3rd division, 2nd army corps, Army of Potomac. Chancellorsville, May 1-3d; Gettysburg, July 1-3d; wounded slightly June 2d; Wapping Heights, July 23d; Auburn, Oct. 14th; Kelly Ford, Nov. 7th; Mine Run, Nov. 26-28th; Wilderness, May 3th, wounded; Spotsylvania, May 11th, wounded; North Anna, May 22-27th; Topotomoy, May 29-31st; Cold Harbor, June 1-12th; Petersburg, June 16-23d; Deep Bottom, July 27-28th; mine explosion, July 3d; captain of Co. A, 203d P. V. L., mustered in September, 1864; lieutenant colonel, Feb. 14, 1865; colonel, June 15, 1865. Assigned to 2nd Brigade, 2nd division, 10th Army Corps, Army of the James. Service: Darbytown Road, Oct. 7th; Fair Oaks near Richmond, Oct. 27th; Fort Fisher, Jan. 15th; advance on Wilmington, Sugar Loaf Battery, Feb. 11th; Fort Anderson, Feb. 18th; capture of Wilmington, Feb. 22nd; mustered out June 22, 1865. Such is the record in brief of Col. Bachman's gallant service in the Civil war. He died at the home of his brother John M. Bachman at Willowstreet, in the prime of manhood, in his fiftieth year. His remains were interred in Fernwood cemetery, Philadelphia, where a grand memorial tablet was erected to his memory. The ceremony of unveiling this tablet was a memorable one, and the Philadelphia papers contained lengthy account of the exercises. No more gallant soldier than Col. Bachman could be found among all the brave men who fought that this country might live.

**ANDREW R. SHELLENBERGER**, a retired farmer residing in West Hempfield township, was born a half-mile distant from his present farm, Aug. 25, 1836, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Shellenberger, natives of the same township, the former of whom was born on the same farm on which his son was afterward born.

Jacob Shellenberger was a life-long farmer, and was quite prominent in his day, being supervisor of his town when still a young man. His death took place in February, 1877, when he was seventy-six years old, but his wife, who was born March 17, 1809, survived till Jan. 22, 1890. They were members of the German Baptist Church, but their remains were interred in Hakekers Mennonite Churchyard. Their family consisted of eight children, viz: Susanah R., who was born on the old homestead June 11, 1832, and has never married; Daniel, born Feb. 23, 1835, died Aug. 23, 1835; Andrew R., is the gentleman whose name opens this biographical notice; Abraham, born June 10, 1838, died Jan. 10,

1898; Jacob R., born March 9, 1841, a physician in Germantown; Elizabeth R., born May 15, 1844, lives in Mountville, and is the widow of Abram Mellinger; Sarah, born Nov. 15, 1847, died Nov. 17, 1847, and Mary, born Oct. 26, 1848, was married to Amos N. Lehman, of Manor township, and died Nov. 22, 1873.

Andrew R. Shellenberger lived in the old homestead until the spring of 1860, and then came to his present farm of eighty-four acres, where he is engaged in raising tobacco. Abraham Shellenberger, brother of Andrew R., was born on this farm, and here died. This farm was granted from John, Thomas, and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn, Sept. 17, 1746, to Ulrich Shellenberger, an ancestor of the present family. Further allusion to Abraham Shellenberger's family will be made a little further on.

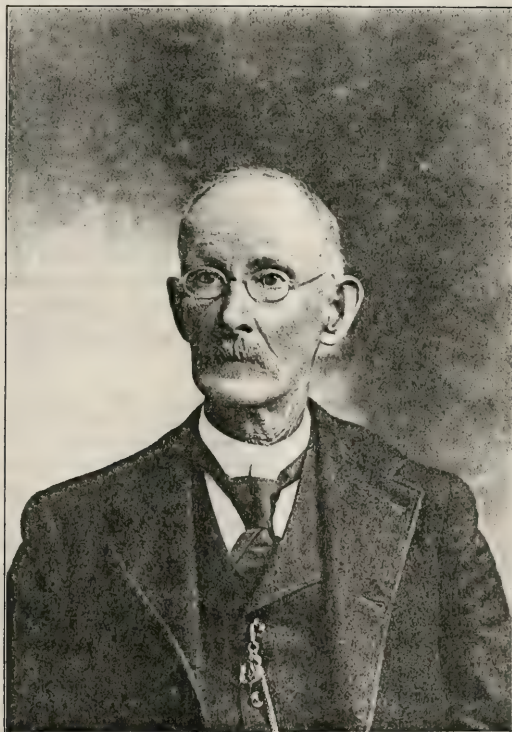
On Nov. 22, 1868, Andrew R. Shellenberger married Martha Mellinger in Lancaster City, and to this union have been born three children as follows: Ella M., April 7, 1873, died Aug. 22, 1875; Jacob C., born July 9, 1876, is still unmarried; and Edward M., born Feb. 28, 1882. Mrs. Martha (Mellinger) Shellenberger was born in Manor township Feb. 15, 1841, daughter of Christian and Susan (Heitzler) Mellinger. The family are Mennonites. Andrew R., the father, has served as township auditor, being elected by the Republican party of which he is a staunch advocate.

On Jan. 14, 1872, Abraham Shellenberger, spoken of above, married Anna N. Lehman, a native of Manor township, a daughter of Benjamin Lehman and sister of Amos N. Lehman, of whom further may be read on another page of this volume. To Abraham and Anna N. Shellenberger were born three children, viz: Elizabeth L., Mary L., and Daniel L. The father, Abraham had a fine farm of 140 acres, on which he passed his entire life. A Mennonite in religion, he was a Deacon in that church at the time of his death; in politics he was a Republican.

**THOMAS F. McSPARRAN**, a member of one of Lancaster county's leading families, was born in Fulton township Nov. 20, 1837, son of James and Amelia F. (McCullough) McSparran, of Lancaster county. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin.

James McSparran, the grandfather of Thomas F., was a son of pioneers of the county, and was born here, on the family homestead now owned and occupied by his grandson, Thomas F. This place, which stands near Peach Bottom, will be one hundred years old in 1904, and is still in a good state of preservation. The foundation was commenced about 1800, and the house was completed in about three years. James McSparran was the father of fifteen children, of whom James, Jr., father of Thomas F., born in 1801, died in 1864; he was a twin brother of Isabel, the wife of John King, both of whom are deceased; Elinor is deceased; Thomas, now (1903) eighty-three years old, resides in York county; William, twin of Thomas, is deceased; Miss Rachel, now over





Thomas F. McSparran





seventy, resides in Drumore township, and she and Thomas are the only survivors of this large family.

James McSparran, father of Thomas F., was married in 1832 to Amelia Fraiser McCullough, a daughter of Hugh McCullough, of Lancaster county, and eight children were born of this union: James and Hugh, both deceased; Thomas F.; Miss Mary E., who died in April, 1902 (she lived in Fulton township); Eleanor, who died in infancy; Grace B., widow of Rev. Alonzo Michael; Sanders; and John K., deceased. Mrs. James McSparran died in 1900, at the age of eighty-six years.

Thomas F. McSparran married Miss Ada Berta McClure, of Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1897. She was born Dec. 6, 1858, of Scotch-Irish parents. Thomas F. McSparran has traveled extensively. He was in the West from 1868 to 1882, and owned a large farm of 280 acres in northwestern Missouri. In 1882 he returned to Lancaster county, to manage the family farm of 240 acres, which he purchased at the death of his mother, in 1900. Half of this farm lies in Fulton township, with the farm buildings, and half in Drumore, where he resides. His place has first-class improvements, and is in a high state of cultivation. In politics Mr. McSparran holds to the old Jeffersonian doctrines, and is a leader in his party. Altogether he occupies a prominent place in the community, and he is greatly respected for his many sterling traits of character.

**FRANKLIN DILLICH.** The ancestors of Franklin Dillich, one of the well-known business citizens of Lampeter, Lancaster county, were of German origin, his parents, Martin and Mary (Snyder) Dillich, both having been born and reared in Bavaria, Germany, where they married, coming soon after to the United States. Many of their countrymen had already settled in Lancaster county, and hither they came, locating in Strasburg township, but soon after removing to Paradise township, where Martin Dillich purchased a small farm, and until his death, at the age of seventy-five years, his principal avocation was farming. His last days were spent in the home of his son Franklin, at the "Lamb Hotel," in West Lampeter township, his death occurring in 1876. His wife had passed away seven years previously. They were both devoted adherents of the Catholic Church, and piously reared a family of three children: Franklin, who lives in Lampeter; Charles, a carpenter by trade, who for sixteen years was in the employ of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., and now lives in Lancaster; and Martin, also a resident of the city of Lancaster, a blacksmith by trade, in the employ of The Champion Blower & Forge Company.

Franklin Dillich was born March 4, 1837, and was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his district. At the age of twenty-two, he decided to learn the blacksmith's trade, and with this end in view, entered the shop of Peter Eberly, at Strasburg, where he remained until he was competent to open up a business of his own. Purchasing the

Rudy Shaub property, located in Strasburg borough, he conducted a blacksmith business in that place for the following seven years, and then took charge of the "Lamb Hotel," at Hollinger, conducting this hospitable and popular house for five years in connection with his other business. Upon selling this property he removed to Lampeter, where he has since been actively engaged in the conduct of his smithy, and also does some farming, owning a tract of fourteen acres, which is highly cultivated and well improved. Mr. Dillich proves that he is not only an excellent blacksmith, but also one of the best farmers in this locality.

The first marriage of Franklin Dillich was to Kate Yeager, a daughter of Christian Yeager, who died without issue. His second marriage was to Mary Ann Finefrock, a daughter of Peter Finefrock, and to this union were born two children: Frank J., who is a blacksmith by trade and is associated with his father in business; and Anna, wife of F. Gertz, of Lancaster City. The mother of these children died in 1883, and Mr. Dillich married Martha Crawford, a daughter of George Crawford, and one child has been born of this marriage, George M. The whole family are devoted members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Dillich is justly regarded as one of the representative business men of Lampeter.

**DANIEL MUSSER.** a retired farmer of Lancaster, was born in West Lampeter township, this county, June 18, 1829, son of Martin and Anna (Hostetter) Musser, of Lampeter and Manor townships, respectively.

Martin Musser was a farmer and physician and died in West Lampeter township in 1847, aged fifty-six, while his wife died in 1862, aged seventy-two, and both are buried in Longeneckers Church Cemetery. They were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Jacob; Benjamin; Henry; Martin; Daniel; Gideon, who died in childhood; Martha, deceased, who married John F. Herr; Anna, deceased, who married Theodore W. Herr, of Denver, Colo.; Susan, deceased, who married Daniel K. Herr; Emma, second wife of Theodore W. Herr.

The boyhood days of Mr. Musser were spent like those of ordinary country boys, working upon the farm and receiving such educational advantages as lay within the means of his parents. When he attained to manhood's estate, he began farming for himself, operating a fine farm in Locust Valley, Strasburg township, this county, until 1891, when he retired from active business life, and has since then lived in Lancaster, enjoying leisure earned by years of toil and thrifty management.

On Nov. 7, 1858, in Longenecker's Church, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Susannah Herr, born March 17, 1836, at New Danville, Lancaster county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Robrer) Herr, of this county, where the father was a farmer and miller until 1877, when he retired and removed to Lancaster,



and there died in 1895, aged eighty-one; his wife died in 1838, aged twenty-four. Both are buried in Longenecker's Cemetery and both were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Two children were born to the parents of Mrs. Musser: Daniel K., now a florist of Lancaster; and Susannah. After the death of his wife, Mr. Herr married Fanny Herr, who died in 1857, aged sixty-two, leaving no children. Mr. Herr married a third time, his choice being Charlotte Herr, who bore him one child, Lizzie, who died unmarried in 1890. Mrs. Charlotte Herr is still living, and resides in Lancaster. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Musser was Martin Herr, a farmer and a very prominent man of his locality, who married Susan (Buckwalter) Herr, of Lancaster county.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Musser: Mary A., and Susie, who died in childhood; Martin H., a dentist of Lancaster, who married Mary Herr, of Strasburg, Pa., but has no children; and Emma E., now deceased, who married Hiram Deilinger, of Paradise, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Musser are consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and are highly esteemed in Lancaster, being possessed of true charity and Christian kindness which wins them many trustworthy friends.

**CHRIST G. LONGENECKER.** Among the well-known and reliable business men of Maytown, and identified with its best interests all his life, is Christ G. Longenecker, the capable and efficient manager of the Hoffman Bros.' cigar manufacturing plant, of Maytown.

Christ G. Longenecker was born in that town April 4, 1851, son of Jacob and Mary (Grove) Longenecker, the former of whom was a farmer of East Donegal township, who was a man of means, a school director many years and who died June 14, 1879. Mrs. Mary (Grove) Longenecker survived until Aug. 8, 1888, dying at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried beside her husband in East Donegal cemetery. Both had been most worthy members of the Church of God. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, as follows: Elizabeth, who married John C. Swiler, and resides in Philadelphia; Amanda, who married W. W. Shireman, and is now deceased; Anna, who married A. M. Cassel, of Denver, Colo.; John, deceased; Christ G.; Mary, deceased; George, manager of Watt & Shand's store, Columbia, Pa.; and Ella, who married J. W. Parkerson of Denver, Colorado.

The Longenecker family originated in Switzerland, leaving that country on account of the proscription laws, and settled in Lancaster county at an early day. The paternal grandparents of Christ G., the subject of this biography, were John and Elizabeth Longenecker, farmers of East Donegal, and the maternal grandparents were Christ and Elizabeth Grove, whose ancestry was also Swiss.

Christ G. Longenecker was reared on the home farm where he remained until he was fifteen years old, and then went to Philadelphia where he learned

the trade of bookbinder, remaining four years, and then returned to his old home. A favorable opening presenting itself, Mr. Longenecker entered the manufactory of the S. B. Francis Cigar Co., as foreman and manager, continuing as their efficient and faithful employe for a period of twelve years. On July 1, 1900, he accepted a similar position with Hoffman Brothers.

On Dec. 24, 1874, Mr. Longenecker was married to Miss Harriet Johnstin, and to this union have been born: Miriam J., who married H. B. Haines, of Maytown; Sarah J., who married John H. Miller, of Marietta, Pa.; Howard J.; Mary J.; and Ruth M. In politics Mr. Longenecker is a leader in the Republican party, and fraternally is connected with the American Mechanics. He has long been influential in the Lutheran Church. As a citizen he stands well before the people of his town, and possesses the esteem of all, both in commercial and social circles.

**SHENK.** One of the old and influential families of Lancaster county is that bearing the name of Shenk. Among its worthy representatives several generations ago was Martin Shenk, a native of Manheim township. His wife, Elizabeth, was a native of West Hempfield township. They were life-long, industrious, honest toilers of the fertile soil, and reared a large family of children.

John Shenk, one of their sons, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, about 1808. John was reared on the farm and followed farming as his vocation in life. He married Mariah Kauffman, daughter of Jacob Kauffman, one of the sturdy settlers of Manheim township. They were devout members of the Mennonite Church, and lived in West Hempfield township through life. John, in his later years, was a Republican in politics, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years, passing away in 1894. His wife, Mariah, died in 1870, aged sixty-six years. They are buried at Marietta. Six children were born to John and Mariah Shenk, namely: Henry K., a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, whose sketch appears below; Martha, who married John Minnick, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Jacob, who lives retired in Myerstown, Lebanon county; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Royer, a farmer of Lebanon county; Christian K., farmer and tobacco merchant of West Hempfield township, whose sketch also appears herewith; and Mariah, of Lewistown.

**HENRY K. SHENK,** one of the old and highly honored citizens of West Hempfield township, for almost half a century, has lived on the farm which he now occupies. He came to the farm when twenty years of age, and his earnest, active, influential and successful career is known to all men in that locality. He is the son of John and Mariah (Kauffman) Shenk, and was born on the old homestead in Manheim township, Feb. 27, 1833. He married Dec. 25, 1862, in East Donegal township, Mary S. Rhoads, who was born in Manor township, April 8, 1833, daughter





of George and Elizabeth Rhoads, residents of East Donegal township, where George Rhoads was widely known as an industrious and skillful blacksmith, and as an enterprising farmer. To George and Elizabeth Rhoads were born six children, as follows: Abraham, who lived retired in Maytown, Lancaster county, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Hoffman of Conoy township; Mary, deceased wife of Henry K. Shenk; Levi, a retired farmer of Quarryville; Susan, widow of Christian Brant of Maytown; and George, a farmer of East Donegal township. Mary, the wife of Henry K. Shenk, died Dec. 23, 1893, aged sixty years. The only child of Henry K., and Mary S. (Rhoads) Shenk is Elizabeth, who married Eli L. Nissley, a tobacco merchant of East Donegal township, by whom she has a family of four children. In politics Henry K. Shenk is a Republican. His well cultivated farm comprises ninety-eight acres, and as an agriculturalist he has been progressive, wide awake and eminently successful. As a public spirited citizen he ranks high, and he holds the deep esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

CHRISTIAN K. SHENK is one of the most active and prominent citizens of West Hempfield township, —a man who has engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits for many years, latterly in connection with the tobacco business, and prospered to a marked degree. He was born in Manheim township, March 5, 1840. He remained on the home farm with his parents, assisting in the arduous agricultural pursuits of the times until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-nine years old. He was married at Columbia, in December, 1869, to Miss Anna Heidler, and by this marriage had two children: Oliver, who married Elizabeth Hostetter and lives in Manor township; and Laura, who married Benjamin Koch. Dec. 27, 1900, and lives in Conshohocken, Pa. The wife died in March, 1876, aged thirty-five years, and for his second wife, Christian K. Shenk married at Columbia in December, 1881, Martha Heidler, sister of his deceased first wife.

They were the daughters of Levi and Martha (Hougendobler) Heidler, who individually represented two of the oldest families in Lancaster county. Levi was the son of William and Nancy (Forry) Heidler, natives, respectively, of Bird-in-Hand, and of West Hempfield township. Both died comparatively early in life, while residents of Marietta. William Heidler was drowned in 1826, at the age of thirty-five years, while fishing in the Susquehanna river. His wife died in 1829, aged thirty-three years. They left five children as follows: Levi; Nancy, who married Samuel Johnson and is now deceased; Hannah, deceased wife of Harry Heise; Cyrus, deceased; and William who became a miller and went West. Levi, who was a prominent retired farmer of Cordelia, was born Aug. 26, 1815, and died in October, 1901.

Levi Heidler married in Lancaster, Jan. 9, 1838, Martha Hougendobler, who was born in West Hempfield township April 1, 1820, daughter of Nich-

olas and Barbara (Geldmaker) Hougendobler, and granddaughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Peters) Hougendobler. Isaac and his three brothers emigrated from Germany, and were among the earliest settlers of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, buying the land from William Penn. Nicholas, son of Isaac Hougendobler, was born in West Hempfield township, and was a weaver by trade and later a distiller. He died in Indiana in 1880, aged eighty-seven years. He married three times. By his first wife Barbara Geldmaker, who died in 1827, aged thirty years, he had four children: Barbara, deceased wife of Jacob Bard; Nancy, deceased wife of Michael Criger; Martha, who married Levi Heidler; and Henry, a tailor of Manheim. By his second wife, Mary Conklin, Nicholas Hougendobler had one child, Samuel, a tailor, now deceased. By his third wife, Mary Eston, he had eight children, namely: Sarah, who married Amariah Young, of Manheim; Jacob, Amos and Abraham, who live with their mother in Indiana; and Harriet, Lizzie, Franklin and Harriet (2), who died young.

To Levi and Martha (Hougendobler) Heidler were born eleven children, as follows: Anna, who married Christian K. Shenk, and is now deceased; William, who married Mary Bart, and lives in Cordelia; Henry, of San Diego, Cal.; Barbara; Harriet, wife of Henry Breuneman, a veterinary surgeon of Mt. Joy; Cyrus, proprietor of a bakery at Mountville, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Dr. Charles McAuley, a physician of Petersburg; Martha, wife of Christian K. Shenk; Mary who died young; Samuel, who married Adelia Bunn, and is a school teacher of Springfield, Ill.; and Horace, a telegraph operator of Chickies, Lancaster county. Levi Heidler retired from active farming in West Hempfield in 1887, after which he lived in Columbia and Cordelia, successively. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was for many years a member of the English Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belongs.

After his marriage Christian K. Shenk operated his father's farm for ten years on the shares. He then engaged in the tobacco business in connection with farming and trucking and is now one of the prominent tobacco merchants of the county. In politics he is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Lutheran Church. They are prominent in the social life of the township, and most highly esteemed for their many estimable qualities. Christian K. Shenk has proved himself a successful business man, and his keen business judgment integrity and energy have placed him among the foremost citizens of West Hempfield township.

CLOYD R. COLLIER, one of the most reliable engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad and now residing in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Millintown, Juniata Co., Pa., March 23, 1845, son of James and Margaret (Tyson) Collier, who had a family of nine children, namely: Cloyd R.; Elizabeth J., wife of William A. Partner, a farmer



of Millintown; Alice A., married to George Kelley, a railroad engineer of the same place; Lucian W. Loran McG., and John M., deceased; Harvey F., a brakeman; Charles, of Columbia; and William A., of Harrisburg. The father died at the age of fifty-three years, and the mother in 1809, at the age of seventy-three, the former in the faith of the Baptist Church, and the latter in that of the Lutheran.

Cloyd R. Collier was reared on a farm, but at the age of sixteen years he left home to become a defender of the integrity of his country's flag. He enlisted for three years or during the war, in August, 1862, in Co. F, 16th P. V. C., under J. Robinson, who went out as captain and returned as colonel. During his service he took part in some of the severest battles that occurred in the Army of the Potomac, and in skirmishes innumerable. He was mustered out at Richmond, Va., and honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Aug. 23, 1865.

Mr. Collier, on reaching home, was employed as a laborer on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. until 1867, then went to Gettysburg, where he farmed until 1871. He then returned to Lancaster and resumed work in the furnaces. He continued to be thus employed until 1874, when he began as fireman with the Railroad Company, and in 1882 was promoted to engineer.

On July 2, 1868, in Chickies, Lancaster county, Mr. Collier was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Lochard, who was born in Newtown, Pa., a daughter of John and Margaret (Hammonds) Lochard; she died March 25, 1899, at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Lochard were the parents of the following children: Margaret J., wife of George W. Humble, engineer at Columbia; James W., who died young; Cloyd R., boilermaker for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Columbia, and married to Katherine Houghtogles; John F., a brakeman at home; Saloma C., wife of John I. Madden, a machinist at Columbia; and Alice F. and Charles C., at home.

John Lochard, the father of Mrs. Collier, is a retired stationary engine manufacturer, and was born in March, 1824. He lost his wife March 4, 1888, she being sixty-four years of age at the time she died, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lochard nine children in the following order: Saloma, wife of Joshua Collier, a lumberman of Marysville, Pa.; Sarah A., the deceased wife of Cloyd R. Collier; Emma F., married to J. K. Snyder, a street-car conductor in Philadelphia; John B., of Columbia; Samuel, in the West; Anna M., Maggie J., and Ulysses G., deceased; and Clara E., wife of George White, a tinsmith in Columbia.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sarah A. Collier were John C. and Anna (Conklin) Lochard, of Newtown, where the grandfather was engaged in farming, and also conducted a temperance hotel; the maternal grandparents came from Chester county to Lancaster county, where grandfather Ham-

monds also conducted a hotel, and here he and wife passed the remainder of their days.

Cloyd R. Collier is one of the most trustworthy engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and with the children that now form the home circle is in the enjoyment of the highest esteem of all his neighbors. They are consistent members of the English Lutheran Church, and Mr. Collier is a member of the B. of L. E., the Relief, and the K. O. T. M. In politics he is a Democrat.

LEMUEL CHEW EBY, the popular and successful local representative of the American School Furniture Co., of New York, is a conspicuous and welcome figure in this community. He comes from a prominent and long-lived family, his great-grandfather having died at the age of eighty-three years; his grandfather at eighty-four; his father at eighty-one; his mother at eighty-four. The line of ancestry is a lengthy one. The paternal great-grandfather and grandfather bore the name of John.

John Eby, the grandfather, lived in Brickerville, Lancaster county, and the father, Christian Eby, was a fruit-grower of Conestoga Center. Mary Eby, the mother of Lemuel C., was a daughter of John Keadig, a well-known hotel keeper of Conestoga Center. To Christian and Mary Eby were born six children, three of whom are living. Lemuel C., of Lancaster; I. H., of Philadelphia; and Elmina, the widow of Aldus Groff, of Philadelphia.

Lemuel C. Eby was born in Conestoga Center, Sept. 2, 1843, and was educated in the district schools until he reached the age of eleven years. In 1854 he came to Lancaster to take a position as a newspaper carrier, and was then employed in the book store of his uncle, the late Elias Barr. He remained seven years, in the book store of John Bears' Sons when he took a position with the American School Furniture Co., of New York, where he soon became a very successful traveling salesman. There is not a school probably in Lancaster county that does not possess some article which it has bought from this gifted and energetic representative of the great firm. In the spring of 1900 he placed 600 chairs in the Lancaster Court House, and in October of the same year he secured the contract to supply 1000 opera chairs for the main auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

Lemuel C. Eby was married, in 1868, to Miss Mary, a daughter of the late David B. Hostetter, one of the most respected citizens of Lancaster. By this marriage he became the father of two children: Edward G., who is now at the head of the notion department of the New York Store of this city; and David Charles, who is at the head of the shoe department of J. R. Foster's Department Store.

Mr. Eby was elected by the Republicans of the Sixth ward to a seat in the common branch in the city council, but was obliged to resign, after serving two terms, on account of the fact that his headquarters are now in Philadelphia, and he is able to spend only Saturday and Sunday with his family in their





elegant and new home on East Chestnut street. From boyhood he has been a member of the First Methodist Church, and was at one time a member of the board of trustees of the Church, but his absence from Lancaster during the week compelled him to retire from the Board; for seven years he was superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Eby is a member of the Knight Templar degree of the Masonic Fraternity. As a representative of a great business house he has won hosts of friends by his genial manners, unfailing courtesy and honorable methods. Liberal in his views and acts, and indefatigable in his efforts to promote the interests of his house, all who know him wish him success in an unmeasured degree.

**WILLIAM H. GUTHRIE**, a leading contracting painter and decorator, Lancaster, with place of business at No. 38 West Walnut street, comes of a long-lived rugged Scotch ancestry, some of whom were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Guthrie, grandfather of William H., came to America from Scotland, settling in Chester county, Pa., where he founded the now thriving village of Guthriesville, becoming prominent in all the affairs of the locality, and first postmaster of the village. From Chester county he removed to Franklin county, and here passed the rest of his days. Of his family three are yet living, viz.: William D., in Chambersburg, Pa., aged eighty-three years; and two daughters aged, respectively, eighty and eighty-two, one residing in Chambersburg, the other in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Allen Guthrie, father of William H., was for many years the leading house painter in Lancaster, coming to the city in 1848, after having followed the business in Chester and Franklin counties. He married Miss Mary A. Garrett, a native of Chester county, born of Scottish ancestry, and seven children were the result of their union, five of whom are yet living. The father passed away Feb. 17, 1893, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and no man in the city died more deeply lamented. The mother was called from earth in 1882, mourned by a wide circle of relations and friends. They were active and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and interested in everything looking to the uplifting of their fellow creatures.

William H. Guthrie was born near Guthriesville, East Brandywine township, Chester Co., Pa., and was a small boy when the family moved into the city of Lancaster. Here his earlier education was secured, and for a time he attended Franklin and Marshall College. In 1864 he commenced an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist in the Norris Locomotive Works, now known as the Pennsylvania Iron Works; but after three years he abandoned this line and took up the painting and decorating business, under his father's excellent tuition. In 1882 his father admitted him into partnership, under the firm name of Guthrie & Son, which continued

until 1892, since when William H. has conducted the business alone. That he has made a success goes without saying, and the many fine residences and public buildings he has painted and decorated testify to his skill. Among the latter may be mentioned the Duke Street M. E. Church, the "Hotel Lancaster," and the Palmer & Clogg umbrella factory, all in Lancaster; the Industrial School and Soldiers' Orphan School, at Scotland, Franklin county; the new Chester County Insane Asylum, besides many other buildings, while, year after year, he and his expert painters, grainers and decorators are kept busy nearly the whole time at the ancestral home of the Grubb family at Mount Hope, Lancaster county. In March, 1901, Mr. Guthrie had the contract for painting a large building in Coatesville, Chester county, which was among the lesser contracts he had secured for the spring work of that year.

In April, 1882, William H. Guthrie married Miss Mary S. Etter, daughter of Josiah Etter, a prominent farmer of Franklin county, Pa., and four children have blessed this union: Mary (a graduate of the Girls' High School, Lancaster, class of 1900), Roswell, Helen, and Allen Herschell. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are members of Grace Lutheran Church, of which he is serving as vestryman.

Socially Mr. Guthrie is a member of the Odd Fellows, being a past officer in Herschel Lodge, No. 123, and its representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, including Harrisburg Consistory 32nd degree. A Republican in politics, he was elected on that ticket to the city council, and has served in same with his well-known zeal and ability. He enjoys a wide and influential social and political connection, while personally, no man stands higher in the community than William H. Guthrie.

**ADAM WISMAN**. Among the prominent, successful and self-made men of Marietta is Adam Wisman, one of the well-established business citizens who is held in high esteem. His business is that of tin-smith, plumber and jobber, and on account of his reliability he has a large patronage which is steadily on the increase.

The birth of Adam Wisman occurred in Hessel-Darmstadt, Germany, Oct. 27, 1846. His parents, Adam and Anna M. (Erhardt) Wisman, came to America in 1847 and settled at York, Pa., where the mother died in the same year; she was born in 1799. The bereaved husband continued to live in York, and remained there as a laborer until his second marriage. He wedded Catherine Dyser, making a comfortable home in York until his death in 1882, when seventy-nine years old. During life he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The children of the first marriage were: George, who died in Baltimore, Md., in 1897; Barbara, who married Henry Bernstock, a plumber of Wrightsville; and Adam, of this sketch. The children of the second





marriage were: Lewis, of York; Mary, who married Andy J. Nickey, of Illinois, where she died; John, who was killed on the railroad in 1881; and William.

The home life of Adam Wisman was not a happy one for the little lad, after the death of his mother, and at the tender age of eight years he ran away, securing work with a kind farmer who lived four miles from the city of York. There he remained for two years, and then went back to the city, entering in the employ of Capt. John Hay, with whom he remained until 1859, and then acted as an errand boy for six months or until the opening of the Civil war. Among the striplings who enlisted Nov. 25, 1861, in Co. B, 3rd. Md. V. I., was Adam Wisman, but he was soon discharged on account of being too light for the service. Nothing daunted, the brave boy enlisted then in Co. I, 130th P. V. I., as a drummer boy, although it was his intention to carry a gun instead of a drum, and he efficiently served through nine months, re-enlisting in Co. B, 13th P. V. C., under Capt. H. H. Gregg, and served with gallantry until November, 1865, taking part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and other great battles, and was in thirty-two engagements, but did not escape unharmed. His first wound was received from a gun shot, on the field of Chancellorsville, again a gunshot at Charles City Cross Roads, and a third wound was from a sabre on nose and chin, at Sycamore Church, where he was obliged to escape from the enemy in his underwear, as he was on his way to take a message to Gen. Grant. Mr. Wisman displayed his courage and endurance by never entering a hospital for care, but submitted to the rude and bungling assistance which the members of his company gave him.

After his return from the war Mr. Wisman entered as an apprentice in a shop some three miles from York, and received \$40 for that year, and then went to York and worked for D. D. Dowdell for three years, under instruction. He then passed nine months in the Pennsylvania railroad shops, going from there to Goldsboro, Pa., where he opened up a tinsmith and plumbing business. This did not prove a good location, and he returned to York and worked there and in Wrightsville, at his trade, also doing some work in Lancaster, until 1874, when he came to Marietta and engaged for one year as a workman with Sterritt & Spangler, this association lasting for twelve years. In 1886 Mr. Wisman opened up a business of his own and since that time has done the principal business in tinsmithing and plumbing in this town.

On Jan. 26, 1868, in the village of Dillsburg, York county, Mr. Wisman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Ziegler, and the children of this union are: Harry, who married Susan Starr; Lotta, who married John H. Smith, and lives in Marietta; Sarah J., deceased; Walter, who married Elizabeth Westenhoeffer, and resides in Marietta; Laura, at home; Mamie, who married Joseph C. Kline, of Klinesville,

this county; George; Maud; Area; Horace; and James. Anna and William, deceased.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Ziegler) Wisman is a native of York, Pa., born in 1847, a daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Danner) Ziegler. The former was a man of prominence, a saddler by trade, and the treasurer of York county for three terms. His death occurred in January, 1867, at the age of fifty-eight, and that of his widow, in 1872, at the age of fifty-two. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were: James B., an attorney in York; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Jonas Neice; Jacob, deceased; Emma, who married James B. Mundorff, postmaster at Mount Holly Springs, Pa.; Sarah J.; Samuel, deceased; Laura, who married William H. Lewellyn, of Marietta; Catherine, who married J. Krug, of Hanover; Edward; and Daniel, of Hanover.

Mr. Wisman has taken a prominent part in Democratic politics in the county and city, and has been a member of the council for two years, his sensible and sound advice being of great value in civic affairs. His fraternal connections are with the G. A. R.; the I. O. O. F., Encampment No. 176; the Red Men, and he is president of the Pioneer Fire Co., an organization of much merit. The religious connection of the family is with the M. E. Church. Mr. Wisman is a man of large charities and generous impulses.

ISAAC HERR, an industrious carpenter in the township of West Lampeter, was born in the community where his life has passed since May 29, 1837, a son of Abraham and Anna (Stoner) Herr, and a grandson of Joseph Herr.

Joseph Herr was a native of Pequea township, and in his time an extensive farmer. His last years were spent in West Lampeter township. He was a man of fine character, of great liberality and broad charity. He married Miss Maria Forrey, by whom he had the following children: Abraham, the father of Isaac; Martin, a hotel keeper; Joseph, an undertaker and a carpenter at Willowstreet; David, who followed farming in Pequea and in Leacock townships, and died in the last named township; Barbara, who married Isaac Houser; Maria, who became the wife of John Harnish; and Anna, who married John Stoner.

Abraham Herr, the father of Isaac, was born Dec. 19, 1803, and he mastered the milling trade when a young man. After his marriage he located at the mill now known as Pugh's mill, between Lancaster and Hollinger, which he operated as long as his wife lived, when he took up farming and tobacco handling, going into cigar making on a small scale. On Jan. 26, 1832, he married Anna Stoner, who was born Feb. 9, 1806, and died Nov. 30, 1838. Abraham Herr died Feb. 18, 1885. Four of their children grew to maturity: Fannie, who married John K. Bender; Anna, who married George Leaman; Abraham S., living in Leacock township; and Isaac. The father of these children was a member



of the Mennonite Church, and a man of character and standing in the community.

Isaac Herr learned the cabinet-making trade with his uncle Joseph at Willowstreet, beginning at the early age of fifteen years. On the completion of his apprenticeship he attended school a year, and then resumed his trade as a journeyman. After his marriage in November, 1860, he began operations for himself, and the following year he bought a half acre of land, where he erected a shop and a small house in which to live. As time passed and his family increased, his means grew larger, and from time to time his home was improved, increased and modernized, the shop having been moved to make room to meet the needs of the larger residence. Here Mr. Herr and his wife have lived for forty years, and reared a good family in peace and tranquility. Mr. Herr gives his attention to undertaking and carpenter work. In the years that have passed he has laid to rest many of the prominent people of this community, and his sympathizing spirit and kind heart, together with his unquestioned integrity and industrious ways have won him the confidence and esteem of the community. His sons, Abraham L. and Benjamin L., are now associated in business with him, under the firm name of Isaac Herr & Sons.

Mr. Herr was married Nov. 29, 1860, to Miss Mary H., who was born in East Lampeter township, April 28, 1837, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Heller) Leaman. This union has been blessed by a numerous family, of whom two are deceased: Barbara L., Jan. 30, 1862, is a seamstress, giving special attention to the making of burial robes, and for the past twenty years she has been a blessing to the community for her sympathetic services in the laying-out of the dead; Annie L., born Aug. 26, 1863, died Sept. 10, 1864; Lizzie L., born April 6, 1865, is the wife of Martin S. Zimmerman, of East Lampeter township; Hettie L., born June 7, 1866, is the wife of Frank S. Lefever, of West Lampeter township; Abraham L., born Aug. 29, 1867, married Miss Amanda Herr, and has his home in West Lampeter township, where he is engaged as carpenter and is also associated with his father in the undertaking business, being a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Embalming; Mary Ann, born June 18, 1870, is at home; Isaac L., born Aug. 22, 1871, graduated from the State Normal School at Millersville, class of 1895, lives at home, and is a teacher in the county schools, having begun the work in 1893, and he is also the township assessor; Samuel L., born Feb. 17, 1873, is a farmer at home; Emma L., born July 6, 1875, married Abraham D. Metzler, and lives in East Lampeter; George L., born Nov. 13, 1877, graduated at the State Normal School at Millersville in 1898, and has been a teacher in the public schools since 1898; an infant daughter, born Nov. 7, 1878, died unnamed; Benjamin L., born Jan. 29, 1882, was a student at the Millersville State Normal, and in 1901 was graduated from the Renouard School for Em-

balmers, is also associated with his father in the undertaking business.

Isaac Herr owns a fine farm of forty acres, on which he makes his home. Beginning his career with no capital save his strong heart and ready hand he accumulated with the assistance of his wife and the help of his children, a good property, and is classed among the well-to-do people of the county. The father, mother and all the children belong to the Mennonite Church.

**SAMUEL SPRECHER.** This gentleman was prominently identified with the industrial and civil life of Lancaster for a number of years prior to his decease in 1888. He was a civil engineer of note, having during his life time been connected with some of the largest enterprises in this part of the State, and being also identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad in the laying out of a good many of its feeders. He died from a severe attack of pneumonia, Oct. 15, 1888, in Denison, Iowa, while on his way to California for the benefit of his health.

Samuel Sprecher was a native of Lancaster, where he was born Nov. 5, 1850, son of Lewis and Lavina (Baer) Sprecher. The Sprechers are one of the oldest and most prominent families in Lancaster county, the name having been a landmark in Lancaster on account of the old "Sprecher House," which for long years was the chief hostelry of the city. This was built by Lewis Sprecher, who was also the owner of the "Leopard Hotel," and a large amount of other city property. The old "Sprecher House" still stands on Duke street, and is still the property of the Sprecher family. The parents of Mr. Sprecher were leading citizens in the public and social life of Lancaster during their life time, and were identified with the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which they were active members. The following children besides Samuel were born to them: Jonathan, deceased at the age of thirty-five; Amanda, the wife of Enos Sheaffer, a farmer living in Leacock township; Solomon; Elizabeth; and Mary A., who died young. For further matter concerning the early history of the Sprecher family, the reader is referred to the sketch of George Sprecher.

Samuel Sprecher was reared amid the refining influences of a Christian home, and his early education was received in the private schools of his native town. He later entered Tuscarora Academy, where he was prepared for Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., from which institution he graduated in the course of civil engineering in the year 1874. For several years thereafter he was in the employ of the large contracting firm of Keller & Reilly in Lancaster. He then opened an office for himself, which he conducted until he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. One of his early more important enterprises was the running of the boundary line between Chester and Lancaster counties. It was in the year 1878 that he was first in the employ of the Pennsylvania





Railroad, and for the next five years he was busied in the laying out of branch lines. In the year 1883 he became superintendent of Robert H. Coleman's Conowingo Ore Mines, which position he held until they suspended work in 1884. He remained in the employ of Robert H. Coleman until his death. He was, during this latter period, interested in converting the mountain wilderness of Mt. Gretna, then the property of Mr. Coleman and since famous as a summer resort, into one of the most beautiful summer residence places in the State. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Sprecher was taken down with pneumonia, and partially recovering, a trip to California was advised by his physician, from which he returned much improved. In 1888 he again started for California to remain permanently. But he was not able to make the trip in his weakened condition, and he died as stated. Mr. Sprecher was a leading member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and in political life voted the Republican ticket, although he took but little part in politics.

In 1875 Mr. Sprecher was married near Landisville on the present site of Bamfordville, Lancaster county, to Miss Lottie S. Buch, who bore him two children, and who still survives him: Lewis B., a shoe merchant of Lancaster; and Clay, mechanical engineer of Pittsburg, Pa. The mother of these children was born at Neffsville, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Grube) Buch. Benjamin Buch was for long years connected with the cattle industry of Lancaster county, being a drover of large property. He died in the home now occupied by his daughter Aug. 22, 1899, at the age of seventy-three years, and now lies buried in Woodward Cemetery. He lived in Lancaster from 1869. His wife still survives, living in the home of her daughter; she was born Feb. 28, 1835, and is still hale and hearty, with the exception of some little rheumatic afflictions. She became the mother of Lottie S., Mrs. Sprecher; Ada M., deceased; and Harvey M., now residing in the West. The Buch family were also pioneers of Lancaster county. Peter and Mary (Leib) Buch, the parents of Benjamin, were born and reared in Lancaster County. On the maternal side the grandparents, David and Martha (Stoner) Grube, were also natives of this county. Mrs. Sprecher and her mother are ladies of many gentle traits of character, and are much esteemed in the more exclusive circles of Lancaster, where they have passed a great part of their lifetime.

HON. DAVID W. GRAYBILL, one of the leading citizens and most influential men of Lancaster county, well known in both public and private life, and identified with some of its most important industries, is pleasantly located in the village of East Petersburg, where he manages a large tobacco business, of which he has made a great industry, which gives employment to a large force of men, and has opened up commercial relations with many other sections, much to the advantage of his locality.

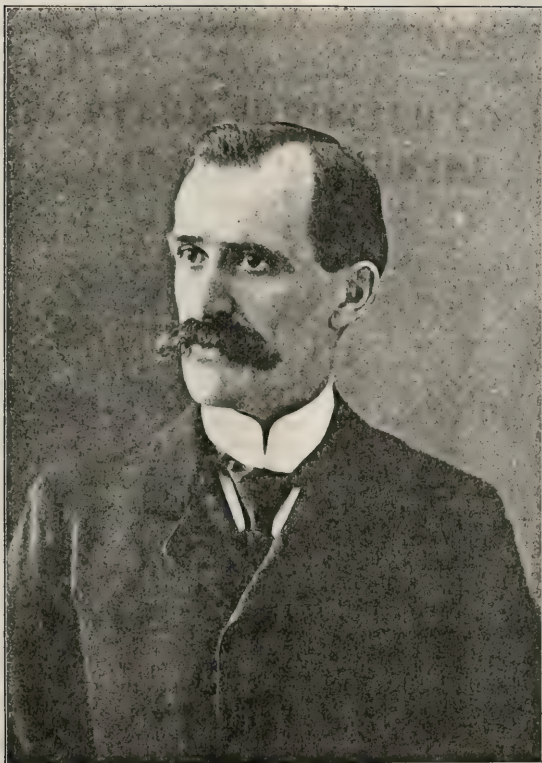
David W. Graybill was born in East Petersburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1853, and there he has resided all his life, with the exception of two advantageous years spent in study at the State Normal School at Millersville. His preparatory education was received in the public schools of his town, and after his return to his home from Millersville he engaged in business for some time prior to his marriage, in 1880, following which he set up a domestic hearth of his own and more extensively engaged in the tobacco business. Mr. Graybill has been a very active dealer in his line, and his progressive spirit has been of the greatest advantage to his locality, giving an impetus to other lines of trade. The years 1899 and 1900 were particularly prosperous, and Mr. Graybill found employment in his great warehouses for a force of 140 men. He has warehouses in both East Petersburg and Rohrerstown, three at the former place, and one at the latter, which was built in the fall of 1899.

Aside from his private interests, which are many and varied, for he is a keen, practical man, educated and alive to all that promises to conduce to prosperity, Mr. Graybill has always been animated by high ideals of business and civic life, and has probably done more than any other one citizen toward the permanent upbuilding of East Petersburg. His own residence is the most desirable in the village, and the creditable enterprise lately shown by the other citizens may, in a measure, be attributed to his example.

Mr. Graybill was one of the promoters of, and is also a stockholder and a director in, the Farmers' Creamery Company, of East Petersburg, and has taken a prominent position in the organization from the first. Politically he has been a strong man in the Republican ranks, taking an active part in all party matters, and was twice made a delegate to the State convention, first in 1883, and later in 1898. For some eighteen years he has served as a justice of the peace, having been elected to that position four different times. In 1879 he was made a notary, but resigned this office in order to accept the former one, which he also resigned in June, 1900, in order to accept the nomination from the Republican party for the State Legislature. During his service in the Legislature, in 1901-02, he served on the committees on Railroads, Senatorial and Representation Apportionment, Counties and Townships, and others. The bill known as Centralization of Public Schools received his hearty co-operation, and was passed largely through his efforts, and it was in favor of this bill that he made his maiden speech. He firmly opposed the bill for the removal of the State Capitol. He has received the nomination for a second term in the Legislature, by nearly 5,000 majority, at a primary election held March 15, 1902. For three years Mr. Graybill most efficiently served as township assessor in East Hempfield township, and for the fifth time he has had the honor of being chosen chairman of the Republican County Committee, an honor never before conferred, in his district, upon the same indi-



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vidual twice in succession. Mr. Graybill throws himself heartily into whatever he undertakes, and, where his judgment and sagacity sanction it, knows no such word as fail.

Fraternally Mr. Graybill is as prominent as he is in both public and private life, being identified with Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., and also Lancaster Lodge of Perfection; is a past grand of Selah Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F., of Manheim; also a member of Meridian Sun Commandery, No. 99, Knights of Malta; Lancaster Castle, No. 126, Knights of the Mystic Chain; Red Rose Co., No. 20, Military Branch of Knights of the Mystic Chain, serving as assistant inspector general of the State, with the rank of brigadier general; past regent of Conestoga Council, No. 463, Royal Arcanum, and past councillor of the Loyal Addition; he is also a member of the Annual Annuity of the Mystic Circle, and was the first representative of this lodge to the grand lodge; and is consul commander of Cherry Camp, No. 83, Woodmen of the World. These many connections have made him better known through various parts of the State than almost any other citizen of his vicinity, and he is everywhere regarded as a high-minded, honorable man in whatever capacity he may be found.

David W. Graybill was married April 27, 1880, to Miss S. Alice Martin, a daughter of William K. and Susan C. (Getz) Martin, residents of East Hempfield township. To this union have been born three interesting children, all sons, Guy M., Reid M. and David W.

The religious connection of the family has been with Trinity Reformed Church, to which Mr. Graybill has been a most generous contributor, and in which both he and his estimable wife are highly valued for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Graybill possesses the esteem of his neighbors, and is looked upon in the county as one of the progressive and honorable citizens who are, by sound business sense and individual application, the men who build up and prove of most value in any community.

JOSEPH G. KAUFHOLD, a grocer and one of Columbia's prominent business men and influential citizens, was born in that town Aug. 27, 1856, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Geislar) Kaufhold.

Jacob Kaufhold was born in Prussia, and his wife in Bavaria. The latter emigrated to this country in 1848, and Mr. Kaufhold's feet first touched American soil two years later. They were married in Columbia, where he was employed in a blast furnace. Jacob Kaufhold died in 1881, aged sixty, and his widow still survives, her home being in Columbia. She was born July 12, 1836. Jacob Kaufhold and his wife were the parents of nine children. The eldest, Sarah, is the widow of L. Bitner, of Columbia; Anna married Edward Pordahl, of Lebanon; John, the third child and eldest son, is a resident of Columbia; George J. is in the monument business in Columbia; Bartholomew and William have both

seen service as United States soldiers, the former having done duty in Cuba, and the latter being at present stationed in the Philippines; Margerie, the youngest daughter, is at home and unmarried. Joseph Kaufhold's paternal grandparents were Joseph and Helen (Mockenruts) Kaufhold, of Germany. The former died in 1840, in his sixty-seventh year, and the latter in 1831, aged forty. Their children were Conrad, Lawrence, Duridale, Jacob and Joseph (second). The grandfather married a second time, after the death of his first wife. His second wife was Catherine Artleb, and the issue of the marriage was two children: John, who died in the Fatherland; and Bartholomew, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kaufhold's maternal grandparents were George and Anna (Stegar) Geislar. They emigrated from Germany to America in 1848, and settled in Havre de Grace, Md. At that time they were youth and maiden, and no word of troth had passed between them. Two years thereafter they were united in marriage, and removed to Columbia, Pa. He worked in an iron furnace, and died in 1801, after reaching the ripe age of four score years. His wife died in 1897, aged eighty-six. Their children were four in number. Mr. Kaufhold's mother, Catherine, being the eldest. The others, all of whom are deceased, were Sarah, Margaret and John. Sarah married Martin Eppey, and died in May, 1900. John died in 1899, and Margaret in childhood.

In October, 1886, Mr. Kaufhold was married to Miss Elizabeth Hagel, at Columbia. The issue of the union has been four sons and eight daughters: Clara, Mary, Frank, Bartholomew, Anna S., Deautie, Gertrude, Margaret, Charles, Sabina, Joseph and Lucy. Gertrude and Joseph are both deceased, as is also Charles, who was Margaret's twin brother.

Mrs. Kaufhold was born at Chestnut Hill May 12, 1860, daughter of Peter Hagel and his wife, Sabina Spangler. Both her parents were Bavarians, and were married in the country of their birth, and both are now deceased. They emigrated to America in 1850, and, coming to Lancaster county, settled at Chestnut Hill. He was a farmer, but also a miner as well. Mr. Hagel lived to the age of sixty-nine, and died Jan. 25, 1881. His wife passed from life April 1, 1895, having reached the same age as her husband at the time of his demise. They were both Catholics, and sleep in the cemetery at Columbia. Mrs. Kaufhold was the sixth of seven children born to this union. Joseph and Mary, the two eldest, are both deceased; Mary is the wife of Anthony Seebower, a furniture dealer of Columbia; Anna is deceased; and Catherine, who is unmarried, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kaufhold.

Joseph G. Kaufhold faced the world in early life. That he has struggled successfully against its temptations and won the battle of life, alone and unaided, is chiefly due to his indomitable pluck, his tireless energy, and his unassailable probity. At





the early age of twelve years he began working in a grocery store. For two years he followed this toil, being able to attend school for only six months. From 1871 to 1883 he found employment in a rolling mill. Industry, sobriety, patience and integrity enabled him to embark in the grocery business then on his own account. The same sterling characteristics have won for him a steady, uninterrupted success. He believes in the faith of his ancestors, and is a devout and practical Catholic. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Joseph's Society, and of the P. C. B. L.

**ALBERT M. HERR**, wholesale florist and carnation specialist, located at Rider avenue and Elm street, Lancaster, is one of the prominent business citizens of the city.

Henry Herr, the grandfather of Albert M. Herr, was both a merchant and miller in Strasburg township, retiring from activity in 1861, and dying in 1894, at the age of eighty-one years. He married (first) Mary Rohrer, who died in March, 1838, at the early age of twenty-four years, leaving two children, Susannah, who is the wife of Daniel Musser, a prominent retired farmer; and Daniel K., the father of Albert M. The second marriage of Henry Herr was to Fanny Herr, widow of Samuel Herr, and his third marriage was to Charlotte, daughter of Francis Herr. The paternal great-grandparents of our subject were Martin and Susan (Buckwalter) Herr, farming people of Strasburg township, of Swiss ancestry.

Daniel K. Herr, son of Henry and Mary (Rohrer) Herr and father of Albert M., was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Dec. 2, 1837. Prior to his thirty-seventh year he engaged in milling in Strasburg township, and then began gardening, which business he followed for three years, the business developing into market-gardening and finally into that of florist, Mr. Herr being for twenty years one of the best-known and most successful wholesale florists in this part of the county. For the past four years he has made his home in Lancaster, but prior to that lived in Lancaster township. Mr. Herr has a large business for which he has most excellent accommodations, comprising four hot houses with dimensions of 100x18 feet, and with some 8000 feet of glass. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster. In December, 1859, Mr. Herr was married in Lancaster township, to Miss Susan Musser, born in West Lampeter township, daughter of Dr. Martin Musser, who died March 3, 1870, at the age of thirty-five years, and was buried in Longenecker cemetery, in Lampeter township. The one child born to this union was Albert M., of this sketch.

Albert M. Herr was born July 19, 1862, in Strasburg township, and resided there with his father until his fourteenth year, accompanying him then to Lancaster. He became interested in his father's business, first assisting him and then thoroughly

learning the same, and in 1881 began the business for himself. Mr. Herr's greenhouses cover an acre of ground, and he has 60,000 square feet of glass, his first building being done in 1888. At various times since he has made additions, and has introduced all of the latest improvements in floriculture, and his carnations and other specialties have gained for him a wide and deserved notoriety.

Mr. Herr is prominently identified with all of the Masonic bodies in Lancaster, and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine in Reading; is a member of the B. P. O. E., being one of the original fifteen members in Lancaster, and serving as secretary of the lodge for five years. He belongs to a number of horticultural societies, is secretary of the American Carnation Society, and is treasurer of the Florist Hall Association. In politics he is a Republican. Few men are better or more favorably known to the trade than is Mr. Herr, the deep interest he has taken in his line having enabled him to advance the science of floriculture very much.

On Feb. 24, 1897, Mr. Herr was united in marriage, in Philadelphia, to Miss Elizabeth Irwin, born in Sadsbury township, Chester county, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Clendenen) Irwin, the former of whom is a railroad carpenter, residing with his family in Philadelphia. One son, Daniel Irwin, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr. The family is held in high esteem in Lancaster.

**CONRAD Z. HESS**, one of the intelligent, progressive agriculturalists of Pequea township, was born there, Nov. 5, 1856. He comes from a family of Lancaster county whose members have always commanded the highest respect, being a great-grandson of Michael Hess. The last named bought a farm of 115 acres for five shillings—the place now occupied by the father of our subject.

Abraham Hess, the grandfather, was born in Pequea township, and there passed his entire life. He married Elizabeth Musser, and to this union three sons were born, one dying in infancy; Benjamin died at the age of eighteen months; and Abraham M. is the father of our subject. He was born in Pequea township in 1829, was educated in the common schools of the county, and began life for himself when twenty years of age, taking up farming which he has always followed. In the fall of 1850 he married Elizabeth Hess, and one son was born to them, Emanuel, who died in infancy. The mother died in the fall of 1851, and Mr. Hess afterward married Anna Zigler, of East Donegal township, by whom he had seven children: Conrad Z.; Benjamin, of Fulton township; Abram, of East Donegal township; Noah Z.; Ezra, deceased; Ezi, who died in infancy; and Mattie, wife of Paris Engle, of Columbia, Pa. Mrs. Anna (Zigler) Hess died in July, 1858. Abraham M. Hess then married Barbara Herr, who became the mother of four children: Annie, wife of Graybill Mann, of Manor township; Enos, of State College, Pa.; Barbara, who died in



infancy; and Lizzie, who is at home. Mr. Hess is a member of the Dunkard Church, better known as the River Brethren Church, and he has been a deacon in same for a number of years. He has settled up a number of estates, and has been guardian for several families, a fact which testifies forcibly to the estimate placed upon his character and ability by those who know him well.

Our subject lived at home with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, meantime receiving his education in the common schools of the county. He then went to live with his uncle on a farm in East Donegal township for two years, returning home again for one year, after which he went to Quarryville, and engaged in raising tobacco for one year. He then purchased a farm of his father, in Quarryville, and conducted same for nine years, at the end of that time coming back to his old home and taking charge of his father's farm. Here he has remained to the present time.

Mr. Hess represents the Agricultural Insurance Co., of Lititz. He has proved himself in the management of his fine property, an able business man, and he is regarded by all who know him as a valuable citizen, one who works for the good of the community, as well as for his own advancement in life.

On Jan. 19, 1882, Mr. Hess married Ada Sue Keen, daughter of David Keen, of Eden township, and they are the parents of eleven living children and have lost two by death. Those living are: Anna Martha, Abraham Musser, Alice May, Ada Mary, David Avery, Martha Ann, Emma Rhoda, Ruth Lizzie, John Zigler, Beulah Viola, and Verna Pauline, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hess both belong to the Dunkard Church, known also as the River Brethren in Christ.

**CHARLES EDGAR SHREINER**, a well-known native citizen of Lancaster was born Oct. 1, 1863, son of the late Charles F. and Eleanor (Cox) Shreiner, more extended mention of the family being found in another part of this volume. Charles F. Shreiner passed away in July, 1865, and his widow, who was a native of New Jersey, in 1883. The children of their marriage were nine in number, the survivors being: William M., who is a printer in Sioux City, Iowa; Sallie A., and Charles Edgar, the well-known advertising man.

Charles Edgar Shreiner was given an excellent common-school education in Lancaster, and then spent five years in the grocery establishment of the late George Wiant, and the succeeding eight years in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, in Philadelphia. Returning to Lancaster in 1893, he organized the Shreiner Advertising Co., with offices at No. 43 East Marion street, near the post-office. Although this company makes a specialty of outdoor advertising, it also engages in the business in other lines, much of its work commanding attention and admiration. That it has proved such a success is due to the energy and ability of its founder, and in

it he supplies a want that has long been felt in this community.

In August, 1887, Mr. Shreiner was married to Miss Alice A. Hale, a daughter of John Hale, who is now a retired contracting carpenter, of Georgetown, Mass. Mrs. Shreiner came of distinguished ancestry, one of her forefathers being a Spofford, and belongs to the same family as A. R. Spofford, so long the librarian of the Washington Library. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shreiner are: Helen Spofford, Sallie Agnes, Carl Hale and Anna Frances.

Fraternally Mr. Shreiner is connected with the Knights of Malta, while politically he is an ardent and active Republican. His religious rearing was in the Moravian faith, but Mrs. Shreiner is a Congregationalist, her ancestors long having been prominent members of that body, in New England. Few young men have made better business showings in the same time than Mr. Shreiner, his pleasant personality winning him friends, while his upright methods, and the excellent work turned out by his company, have gained him the confidence of even a critical public. It is no small matter to control a trade in which so large a city as Philadelphia attracts on account of its proximity. This Mr. Shreiner has been able to do, and his prosperity reflects not only credit upon him, but also upon the public spirit of the community.

**JOHN RUPP BURKHOLDER**, a wholesale grain dealer in the Northern National Bank Building, Lancaster, and at one time manager of the broker business of his father-in-law, Hon. A. H. Summy, belongs to a family long and favorably known in Lancaster county. His grandfather was Jonas Burkholder, who lived and died in the eastern part of this county.

Isaac Burkholder, father of John R., died in 1882, in West Earl township. He married Maria Rupp, daughter of Samuel Rupp, a well-known farmer of West Earl township, and they had fourteen children, thirteen of whom are living at the present writing; Samuel R., a farmer in Kansas; Joseph R., a horse dealer in Manheim township; Jonas R., a traveling salesman from Lancaster; Isaac R., a traveling salesman in Ohio; John R., our subject; Elizabeth R., wife of Wayne Carpenter, a farmer of Warwick township; Maria, wife of Frank Stauffer, a farmer of West Earl township; Susan, wife of Amos Dillman, a carriage builder at Farmersville; Annie, wife of J. Musser, a farmer of Lititz; Barbara, wife of J. M. Sheaffer, a merchant of Ephrata; Hattie, wife of B. Hoover, a farmer of New Holland; Emma, wife of Diller Sheaffer, a farmer of Bird-in-Hand; and Sarah, at home with her parents.

John Rupp Burkholder was born in West Earl township Jan. 25, 1856, and was educated in the public schools of the home district. Leaving school when sixteen years of age, he entered his father's





flour mill, where he remained until 1880. For a period of about twelve years following he was engaged in the milling business in different mills along the Conestoga. In 1892 he came to Lancaster, and entered into a partnership with H. K. Keller, in the wholesale grain business, trading under the firm name of H. K. Keller & Co. In 1895 this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Burkholder opened an office in the Northern National Bank Building, where he has since continued his grain business. In 1901 Mr. Summy bought out the broker business, which had been established on the second floor of the Northern National Bank Building, and Mr. Burkholder became his manager, conducting the broker business in connection with his grain offices. The broking is done through J. B. Flesham & Co., of Philadelphia, with whom direct telegraphic communication is had. Genial and clever in his intercourse with the public, Mr. Burkholder has built up a handsome shipping trade, and is well and favorably known.

Mr. Burkholder was married, in 1883, to Miss Annie Summy, a daughter of Hon. A. H. Summy, whose history appears elsewhere. To this union has come one child, Guy Summy, born in 1886, who is now a pupil of the Boys' High School, Lancaster. Mr. Burkholder is of Mennonite descent. Politically he is a Republican, as are all the members of his family.

HENRY WEILL, dealer in driving, heavy draft and fine coach and saddle horses, with sale and exchange stables at Nos. 200-216 West Orange street, Lancaster, and also extensive dealer in leaf tobacco, was born in Alsace, France, March 10, 1860, son of Benjamin and Esther (Woertenslock) Weill, the former of whom was born in Alsace, the latter in Strasborg, France.

Benjamin Weill, the father was engaged in the horse business for a great many years, but retired in 1892 and resides in Alsace at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The mother of our subject died in 1873, at the age of forty-nine years. They had these children: Solomon, who engages in the horse business in the old home in France; Benjamin, also in the horse business in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Myer, also in the same business in France; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

When our subject was but thirteen years of age he was deprived of the love and care of his mother by her death, and he left his home, working at various kinds of labor in his native country, until at the age of twenty years he found himself in Paris. After one year in that great city, he determined to reach America and make a career for himself. In 1881 he reached Lancaster, and with his brother Benjamin, began the buying and selling of horses, the partnership lasting for ten years, since which time he has carried it on with increasing success on his own account.

Mr. Weill is a self-made man, and has accumulated large means and established great business connections by his own efforts. The horse business is one with which he is thoroughly acquainted, being one in which several generations of his family have successfully engaged. Until 1899 he dealt both wholesale and retail, but since that year has retired from the retail business. In 1892 he built at a cost of \$10,000, his fine sale stable to accommodate 100 horses, and has been a large horse exporter, exporting as many as 2,000 horses to London each year. Since 1897 he has been extensively engaged in the leaf tobacco business, and employs about fifty men in his warehouse. Few men in this locality have displayed better business judgment than has Mr. Weill.

On Aug. 26, 1884, in Lancaster, Mr. Weill married Julia Fiesio, born in Alsace, France, who died May 24, 1895, at the age of twenty-nine years. Her children were, Adeline P., Beatrice P., Blanche P. and Rosa P. Mrs. Weill was a daughter of Lathras Fiesio, who came from Alsace with his family to Lancaster in 1881, and engaged in the horse business. He died in 1887, aged forty-five years. His widow resides with our subject at the age of sixty-one. On April 3, 1900, Mr. Weill was married to Rose Hirsh, born in Lancaster, daughter of Abraham Hirsh, a retired millinery merchant of Lancaster. Mr. Weill is a well-known and highly respected citizen of Lancaster, where he is liberal in his support of all public-spirited enterprises. He belongs to no political party. He is a member of the Jewish Synagogue, and is generous in his support of its work.

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Noah Z. Hess was born in Pequea township, Jan. 15, 1861, and was educated in the common schools of the county, remaining at home until he was about twenty-six years of age, when he married Miss Ada Eckman, of Pequea, and began life for himself. After farming on his father's place for three years he purchased the place where he now resides, and continued in agricultural pursuits in which he has met with gratifying success. He owns a farm of 138 acres, one of the finest places in Pequea township, and he holds a high place among the best citizens of his community. Mr. Hess was admitted to the ministry of the River Brethren Church by Bishop Henry L. Heisey, in May, 1897, and officiates at the churches in Lancaster, Strasburg and Pequea.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess are the parents of four children: Mamie E., at home; Ira E., who died in infancy; and Ada E. and Roy Noah, at home.

JOHN JOHNS BAIR, the genial head of the coat and wrap department of Watt & Shand's big establishment, Lancaster, comes from a family who settled in Lancaster county early in the eighteenth century. Three brothers Bair came to America and secured from William Penn, a large land grant along Mill creek, extending from Spangler's mill to Hoover's mill, near the Welsh mountains. This tract extended for a distance of perhaps five miles, and the road which these three Bair brothers laid out was originally only an Indian foot path.

Of the descendants of these pioneers, John Bair became a prominent drover and farmer, and his son Levi E., was for many years a farmer, but is now living retired, by reason of ill health. Levi E. Bair married Josephine Johns, a daughter of the late Jacob Johns, a farmer of West Earl, and who, like the Bairs, came from an old and honored family. The marriage was blessed with six children, only two of whom are living: Levi R., of the class of 1902, Franklin and Marshall College; and John J.

John Johns Bair was born in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 12, 1867. His parents removed from that section when he was only two years old, and his education was obtained at Honey Brook, Chester county (where he was graduated from the high school), and at the State Normal School at Millersville. After leaving the State Normal, Mr. Bair returned to his father's farm, and, after spending

two years there, entered the service of Messrs. Watt & Shand. This was in 1886 and he has remained there ever since. After mastering the details of a general mercantile business in the ever popular New York store, Mr. Bair took charge of the cloak department—a department which, largely through his exertions, has become noted all through the community. Mr. Bair does all the buying, and superintends all the selling of that important part of this big establishment. He is accepted as an authority on ladies' wraps by many of the best dressers of Lancaster.

Socially Mr. Bair is a member of the Knights of Malta, and Odd Fellows, being a past officer of the latter; politically he is a Republican; and religiously a Lutheran, being identified with Grace Lutheran Church. In all the walks of life he is a courteous, intelligent and conscientious gentleman.

WILLIAM S. GROFF. There are many lines of business successfully carried on in the large cities of the country, by those who have been reared in quiet country homes and there taught by excellent parents those principles which have contributed much to their later prosperous careers. Such is the case with William S. Groff, one of the well known fruit and produce merchants of Philadelphia.

Abram Groff, his grandfather, was a farmer and miller in West Earl township, where he died March 4, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife, Hettie (Wenger) Groff, died in 1852, at the age of thirty-five years, both of them being buried in the Groffdale cemetery. Mr. Groff had been long a leading man in his community, and for many years served as school director. His children were: Daniel W., deceased; Abram W., deceased; Maria W., who is the widow of John Graybill, of Upper Leacock township; Martin W., deceased; Samuel W., the father of our subject; Christian W., a farmer of West Earl township; and Hettie W., of Reading, Pa., who is the widow of Peter Snyder. The second marriage of Abram Groff was to Mrs. Catherine (Bare) Good, and one son was born to this union, Elam, now a retired farmer of Bareville.

Samuel W. Groff was born in West Earl township, May 19, 1830, and he remained with his parents until he had reached his majority, at that time taking charge of a farm in West Earl township, where he remained until his purchase of his present farm in 1886. On Dec. 22, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Susannah Sprecher, and to this marriage was born one son, William S., who is the subject of this biography.

Mrs. Susannah (Sprecher) Groff was born in Earl township, Nov. 3, 1841, a daughter of William and Susannah (Wenger) Sprecher, who were natives of Earl and Upper Leacock townships, respectively. Mr. Sprecher died in 1878, aged sixty-eight years, his widow surviving until 1898, dying at the age of seventy-eight, and both were buried in the cemetery attached to the Lutheran Church of





New Holland, of which they were consistent members. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher were: Elizabeth, of New Holland; Susannah, the wife of Mr. Groff; Maria, the wife of George Groff, of Bareville; George, a farmer and supervisor in Brecknock township; William, a farmer of West Earl township; and John, Amanda and Louisa, deceased. William Sprecher was a son of George Sprecher, and his wife, Elizabeth Sheaffer; and Susannah (Wenger) Sprecher was a daughter of Joseph Wenger, of Lancaster county.

William S. Groff of this sketch was born in Earl township, Oct. 23, 1867, son of Samuel and Susannah (Sprecher) Groff. He was educated in the public schools of his district, and until he was ten years old he remained with his parents in his native township, and then accompanied them to Upper Leacock, where he continued until the age of sixteen. At this period he entered the store of J. D. Buckwalder, as a clerk, remaining with him for eleven years. When Mr. Stump purchased the business, he continued with the new proprietor for the succeeding two years, going then to Philadelphia where he engaged in his present business, which he has most successfully conducted ever since. Mr. Groff resides at No. 2223 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, and is known as a highly esteemed citizen and upright man of business. Politically he is a Republican, and he takes a very active interest in public affairs.

On May 10, 1899, William S. Groff was married in Philadelphia to Miss Eva M. Myer, a daughter of the late Rev. Samuel and Amanda (Evans) Myer, of Upper Leacock township.

**WILLIAM DAVID KING**, a well known business man of Lancaster city, is descended from a very old and influential family of this county. His grandfather, Jacob King, was one of the pioneer coopers of the section, and his father, the late David King, was a leading grocer of Lancaster for thirty-five years. David King married Miss Margaret Ann Lewars, who belonged to a well known family of this city, and eight children were born to them, four of whom are deceased. Among those who have passed beyond was Dr. George A. King, for many years one of the most prominent physicians in Lancaster. The surviving children are Walter E., a telegrapher in the Western Union service, New York; W. Newton, extra cashier in the Third National Bank of Baltimore; C. Henry, who is assisting his brother, William D., in the wine and liquor business; and William David, our subject proper.

William David King was born in Lancaster thirty-eight years ago, and was educated in the public schools of this city. At an early age he entered his father's grocery store as clerk, remaining there several years, and then passing ten years as a clerk in the grocery store of Capt. J. L. Binkley. Leaving the Binkley establishment, Mr. King spent one year with D. S. Bursk, grocer, one year with Sam-

uel Clark, grocer, and two years with A. A. Shaeffer, wine and liquor merchant, and on April 1, 1900, purchased and took possession of the extensive wholesale and retail wine and liquor establishment of the late S. G. Gensemer. It is located at No. 253 North Queen street. Mr. King has greatly increased the business since taking possession, for he has given it the closest personal attention, and had added largely to the trade.

Politically Mr. King is a Republican, but he takes no active part in politics. Religiously he is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. Mr. King owns and occupies a beautiful cottage on the Philadelphia turnpike, in the eastern suburbs of the city, and his venerable mother, to whom he is devotedly attached, makes her home with him. His wife was Sadie Fisher, daughter of Henry Fisher, millwright of Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

**WILLIAM L. SHOEMAKER**, a farmer of Fulton township, was born Dec. 20, 1843, son of Jesse and Sarah (Lukens) Shoemaker (deceased), of Martie township. The father and mother originally resided in Montgomery county, Pa., and removed to Martie township during their younger days.

Jesse Shoemaker was a son of Joseph Shoemaker, who was a native of Montgomery county. Joseph Shoemaker was the father of four children: Abraham, Jesse, Charles and Lydia, all deceased. Jesse Shoemaker was born in 1796. His first wife was Miss Sarah Ambler, to whom he was married in 1825. One child, Hannah A., was born to this union and is now deceased. Mr. Shoemaker married (second) Miss Sarah Lukens, in 1828, and six children were born of this union, namely: Joseph, born July 9, 1820, is deceased; Enos, born Nov. 19, 1829, is deceased; Abraham, born May 12, 1832, is a farmer in Martie township; Martha Ann, born April 1, 1837, is deceased; Charles, born Nov. 2, 1840, is deceased; and William L., born Dec. 20, 1843.

William L. Shoemaker married Miss Alice A. Lamborn, daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, on Jan. 20, 1870. Mrs. Shoemaker's parents were of English origin. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker has been blessed with children as follows: Winona E., born Dec. 7, 1879 and is the wife of Harry J. Drennen, of Fulton township; Jesse, born Sept. 19, 1880, and died in childhood; and Lula M., born Oct. 30, 1888. Mrs. Shoemaker was reared on a farm and was one of eleven children. Her father, Smedley Lamborn, was born Jan. 6, 1807, and married, Dec. 22, 1830, Miss Margaret Bolton, who was born Aug. 26, 1810. He died Sept. 26, 1851, and his wife died Nov. 21, 1855. They had children as follows: George S., born Nov. 24, 1831, resides in Martie township; Aquilla B., was born Feb. 23, 1833; Emeline, born Sept. 30, 1834, is the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, of Martie township; Elwood, born Aug. 4, 1836, is deceased;





William L., born Jan. 6, 1839, is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, born June 22, 1840, is the wife of Thomas B. Hamilton; Sarah, born Nov. 8, 1842, is the wife of Jacob Brown, of Fulton township; Priscilla, born Jan. 19, 1844, is deceased; Alice A., was born April 14, 1847; Lucinda, born Aug. 22, 1849, is the wife of Benjamin Tennis, of Drumore township; and Lydia S., born Oct. 29, 1851, is the wife of Amos Smith, of Drumore township.

William L. Shoemaker was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the public schools of his district. He chose farming as a vocation, and has followed that occupation ever since. His farm of 113 acres is finely improved and shows every evidence of careful care and cultivation. Mr. Shoemaker is also half owner in the old homestead, consisting of eighty-nine acres, in Martic township. He is a Republican in politics, and at present holds the office of president of the school board of Fulton township (he has been a member of the board for sixteen years), a position which is of considerable importance in the educational interests of the neighborhood. He and his family are members of the Society of Friends. He stands as one of the foremost men of Fulton township, on account of his well known probity of character and kindly disposition.

FRANCIS L. HERR, one of the prominent business men of Lancaster, treasurer and bookkeeper of the Lancaster Cork Works, was born near Strasburg, Pa., Aug. 3, 1844, son of Benjamin G. and Mary Emma Herr, and remained with his parents on the farm until his sixteenth year, in the meantime improving his educational opportunities to the extent of graduating from the high school and attending the State Normal School. Mr. Herr then located in Lancaster, and for three years was employed in the office of the clerk of Sessions court. Afterward he secured a position in the First National Bank at Strasburg as clerk and teller, but in June, 1863, at the time of the invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederate army, he enlisted in Company D, 50th P. V. I. Three years later he assumed the management of a cotton plantation in Arkansas, owned by a Lancaster firm. Owing to ill health Mr. Herr was obliged to cut short his plantation experience at the end of a year and a half, and, in the hope of restoring his health, settled on the old homestead and farmed for several years. In 1870 he was employed by Jay Cadwell in his cork works, and from the position of bookkeeper rose to manager of the works, which position he held until 1874, when he resigned for the purpose of associating with others to establish the Lancaster Cork Works. This factory subsequently passed into the hands of George W. Dodge & Son, and was operated by them until 1891, when it was purchased by the Armstrong Cork Co., of Pittsburg, and has since been operated by this company in connection with their works in Pittsburg, Pa. These two works furnish four-fifths

of the corks manufactured in this country. The Lancaster branch moved into their present factory in 1881, which has been enlarged from time to time, and now employs five hundred men and girls. Mr. Herr has been identified with the works during the whole time since they were first established.

In 1874 Mr. Herr was married to Sarah A. Myers, daughter of David and Elvina Myers, of Lancaster city. Mrs. Herr died Feb. 2, 1882, leaving two daughters, Mabel E. and Alice A. Mr. Herr is well and favorably known in business and social circles of Lancaster, and he has many friends to appreciate his financial ability and admirable personal characteristics. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

EPHRAIM H. REITZEL, Sr. Mr. Reitzel is now in his sixty-second year, having been born Feb. 4, 1842. His life has been an active and useful one, and he is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war. He is a grandson of Conrad Reitzel, a weaver by trade, who emigrated to America from Switzerland, and settled in West Hempfield township, where he died. Mr. Reitzel's father was named Joseph. He, too, learned the carpet weaver's trade in early youth, and in later years that of a miller, but toward the end of his life embarked in business as a butcher, in which line he continued until his death, which occurred in 1867, after he had attained the age of four score years and four. He was distinguished for patriotism and personal courage, and carried a colonel's commission during the war of 1812, and settled in Lancaster county in 1825. While not a professing church member, he was a man whose standard of moral conduct was regulated by deeply seated Christian principles. He was twice married. His first wife's maiden name was Boner. She bore him four sons and two daughters, none of whom are living. Their names were: Jacob, Joseph, John (a teamster in the Union army during the Civil war), Samuel, Margaret and Elizabeth. His second wife, who has also passed away, was Elizabeth Mann, of Chester county, a brief sketch of whose family history may be found in a succeeding paragraph. She was a member of the Winebrennerian denomination, and died June 15, 1893, at the same age as her husband.

Ephraim H. Reitzel was the third child of his father's second marriage. The others were: William, Harrison, Augustus, Calvin and Sarah. William, now deceased, served as captain of Co. G, 2nd Reserves, P. V. T., during the Civil war, and was wounded in his country's service. Sarah is unmarried, and resides with her brother, Ephraim. The other children died before reaching mature age.

The first twenty-one years of Mr. Reitzel's life were passed in Mountville. At the age of nine he began working on a farm, and when fourteen years old found employment as a lime burner in the stone quarries. In his nineteenth year he commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith, but in 1862 entered



the Pennsylvania Company's repair shops, remaining there until Feb. 15, 1864. He then enlisted in Co. G, 186th P. V. I., commanded by Capt. D. P. Billington, and remained in the service until he was mustered out, Aug. 13, 1865, at Philadelphia. On his return from the army he re-entered the service of the railroad company in his former position. After a few years he took the position of brakeman, and after eighteen months was made flagman. A year and a half later he was promoted to a conductorship, the duties of which post he continued to discharge with marked ability and unwearied fidelity until 1896. In that year an accident, caused by a defect in the air brakes, incapacitated him for further work as a conductor, he having sustained a fracture of several ribs, as well as other serious injuries. On his recovery he accepted the post of watchman, and in that capacity he is still in the employ of the company, which he has served so long and faithfully. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Brotherhood of the Union, having been deputy grand chief Washington of the order in Lancaster county.

Mr. Reitzel was married in August, 1862, at Lancaster, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Fair) Sheriff. Her father was a successful farmer of Perry county, where she was born Feb. 13, 1813. She was the youngest of a family of seven children. John, the eldest, lives in the old homestead. Isaiah and Mary (who married Christian Hauss) are deceased. Conrad and David are farmers in Cumberland county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel has been blessed with five daughters and seven sons. The eldest two, Lydia and Andrew, died in childhood. Henry married Anna English, of Columbia. Sarah is the widow of Joseph Schleif, who lost his life in a railroad accident, and lives with her brother Ephraim. Mary is the wife of Lewis Ibaugh, a brakeman, and resides in Columbia. Edward is a brakeman, and married Ida Witman; he, too, lives in Columbia. Adam died before reaching mature years. Albert and Ephraim are both railway brakemen, whose homes are in Columbia. The first named married Lillie Harman, and the latter lives with his parents. George is deceased. Catherine and Lucy are both unmarried and live at home.

Ephraim H. Reitzel's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Mann, belonged to a family distinguished for ardent patriotism, as well as noted for the longevity of its members. Her paternal grandfather was William Mann, of Fallowfield township, Chester county. He married Jane Brown, a first cousin of the noted general, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, from which relationship it may be inferred that she came of fighting stock. She had four brothers, who served in the patriot army, John, David, Matthew and Eli. The two latter lost their lives in the massacre at Paoli. David was wounded and carried an English bullet in his body until his death. He and his brother John returned from the

war and settled in Ohio. To William and Jane (Brown) Mann were born eight sons: James, John, Jonathan, William, Joseph, Samuel, Ezekiel and Eli. John Mann, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Reitzel, was also a Revolutionary hero. His wife was Anna Devine, a daughter of William Devine and Isabella Moore, who emigrated from Scotland to the American colonies during the troublesome times of the Revolution. Isabella (Moore) Devine lived to the very old age of one hundred and seven years, and sleeps in the burying ground of Upper Octoraro township, in Chester county. Jane Brown, the wife of William Mann, and the great-grandmother of E. H. Reitzel, lived to be one hundred and two years old. Her dust rests in a grave at Fallowfield. John and Anna (Devine) Mann were the parents of four sons and seven daughters, Mr. Reitzel's mother being the seventh child in order of birth. The others were Jacob, William, John, Samuel, Anna, Jane, Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Margaret. The warlike spirit of their ancestors fired the hearts of the sons, and two of them, although beyond the maximum limit of age for enlistment, entered the Union army. Anna married Emanuel Baughman, and three of their sons also fought under the Stars and Stripes throughout the Civil war, two of them dying upon the battlefield. Mrs. Baughman died in 1896 at the age of ninety. Jane Mann became the wife of John Mowrey, and removed to Michigan. She was the mother of three daughters, two of whom married soldiers who followed the flag South, and one of whom lived to mourn a husband who never returned. Mrs. Jane Mowrey is still living.

FRANK BURROWS TROUT is one of the most prominent figures in the business and social life of Lancaster, and is a brother of H. L. Trout, Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Trout was born in Lancaster, and was educated in the public schools of that city. After graduating from the high school he became an apprentice at bookbinding with the late George Wiant, and at the close of his apprenticeship was recognized as an expert finisher. He took charge of the State Bindery, at Harrisburg, Pa., and after six months there removed to Washington, D. C., where he became one of the heads of departments in the Government book bindery, remaining there ten years. His next move was to Philadelphia, where for three years he was connected with the noted J. B. Lippincott Publishing Company. Then he came back to Lancaster, and, under the firm title of Trout & Shank, established a gents' furnishings store, shirt factory and laundry in North Queen street, where the Northern National Bank is now located. Continuing this until 1888, Mr. Trout bought the old Gruel Confectionery property, Nos. 166-168 North Queen street, which he completely remodeled, and he has now erected the handsome building known as the Trout Building on that







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site. In 1898 he closed out the gents' furnishing business, but still retains an interest in the laundry business, which is now a company concern. However, he has practically retired from business pursuits, and spends his time in looking after his varied interests.

Mr. Trout is a staunch Republican in politics. He is a member of the board of school directors of Lancaster from the first ward, now serving his second term. Fraternally he belongs to the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Hamilton Club, the County Golf Club, and the Lancaster Road Drivers' Association, of which latter he is an enthusiastic member, for he not only loves a good horse, but always owns one. Socially he is popular everywhere; in brief, no man in Lancaster is more popular than Frank Burrows Trout. Religiously he is a Presbyterian.

**JOHN LUTHER HAYS.** In every community may be found representative citizens, who, as they begin to feel the weight of advancing years after an active life, have settled down in comfort to enjoy the fruits of former activity. Prominent in this class in Maytown, Pa., is John Luther Hays, who was born there Oct. 11, 1843, son of John and Elizabeth (Garst) Hays, natives of Adams county and of Marietta, respectively.

In young manhood John Hays came to Maytown, and here conducted a saddlery business, also engaged in raising tobacco, being among the first to believe in its successful culture. In the course of time he became one of the prominent men of the community, served as assessor for the township, upheld the principles of the Lutheran Church, and died in 1893, at the age of eighty-one; his wife survived until 1890. To this worthy couple were born: George, deceased; Maggie, who married Samuel Klair, and resides in Columbia; John; and Alice R., who married A. R. Houseal, a retired manufacturer of Maytown.

John Luther Hays remained under the parental roof until of legal age, assisting his father in the raising of tobacco, and then learned the carpenter trade, which became his principal business through life. Much of the excellent work to be seen in the building line in this vicinity testifies to the workmanship of Mr. Hays, and even yet he can show skill in the use of the tools of his trade.

Mr. Hays was married in Cumberland county, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Johnston, and to this union were born: Nellie J., now occupying the important post of matron of the Columbia Hospital; Maggie M., who died in 1897; Charles E., who died in infancy; and Rosella. Mrs. Hays was born in Maytown Oct. 11, 1841, a daughter of James and Leah (Lightner) Johnston, of Maytown and York county, respectively, the former of whom was a mercantile clerk, and died at the age of thirty-three; the mother still survives, although an invalid, and resides with Mrs. Hays. The children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Johnston were: Elizabeth; Harry, of London, Ohio; James F., a farmer of East Donegal; and Winfield S., of Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hays were Francis and Catherine (Hawk) Johnston, natives of Scotland; and the maternal grandparents were William and Esther (Brenneman) Lightner, of Greencastle, Pa., and of Lancaster county, respectively, the former a wealthy man who was said to have spent two fortunes, while the father of the latter was the noted Dr. Hans Brenneman.

In politics Mr. Hays is a Democrat, and has been one of the progressive and leading men in the vicinity. In 1864, with H. H. Klugh, he enlisted in the 195th regiment for service in the Civil war, and he was also a member and sergeant of Co. B, 114th P. V. I. His life has been a busy and useful one, and he well deserves the ease which he is able to take, surrounded by the respect and affection of friends.

**WILLIAM B. MOORE**, who has followed the carpenter trade very successfully for many years in Christiana, Pa., was born in Sadsbury township 4mo. 20th, 1846, son of Walker and Anna (Smedley) Moore, natives, respectively, of Sadsbury and Little Britain townships, this county.

Andrew Moore, the great-grandfather of William B., came from the town of Armagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1723, and settling in Sadsbury township, Chester county, built the first mill to be erected in that part of the county. There he purchased land to the extent of a thousand acres, lying partly in Chester and partly in Lancaster counties. He was one of the Friends active in having the Meeting for Divine Worship established at Sadsbury in 1724.

John Moore, son of Andrew, grew to manhood, and became prominent in the agricultural and religious life of Chester county. He married Sarah Downing.

John Moore (2), son of John and Sarah, made his home in Sadsbury township, where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing. After his marriage he moved across the line into Lancaster county. He married Mary Walker, who was born in 1782, and died 9th mo. 5th, 1843. He died the 5th mo. 14th, 1864, at the age of ninety.

Walker Moore, son of John (2), and father of William B., was born 1st mo. 14th, 1810, and he died at the present home of our subject 9th mo. 29th, 1890. He married Anna Smedley, who was born 9th mo. 4th, 1818, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Balance) Smedley, natives of Chester county, who removed to Lancaster county at an early day, and took a prominent place in the life of the times. Anna (Smedley) Moore died 1st mo. 10th, 1876, and was buried in Bart Cemetery, as were also the remains of her husband. Both were members of the Orthodox Society of Friends. Their family consisted of the following children: Rachel, who married William Wickersham, a farmer in London





Grove township, Chester county: Sarah and Susanah, who both died young; William B.; Joseph S., a bookkeeper at Galena, Kans., who married Clara Thoren, of Philadelphia; John W., deceased; Anna, who married Howard Webster, a farmer of New London township, Chester county; Asahel, a farmer and surveyor, who lived and died in Lancaster county, and who married Hannah Mendenhall, of Chester county; Pascal, a carpenter, who married Anna Mendenhall, of Chester county, and is now deceased; Caleb, a carpenter in Quakerville, Kans., who married Mary Harvey, of Spring River, Kans.; Joshua, who died young; and Mary, who married Eugene Scott, a grocer at Malvern, Pennsylvania.

William B. Moore lived with his parents until 1864, when he began the carpenter trade with a cousin, Truman C. Moore, with whom he remained twelve years. He then bought a farm in Sadsbury township, on which he remained sixteen years, and which he still owns. In 1861 he gave up farming, and moving to Christiana, he has since followed carpentering, although practically living retired. For five years he efficiently served as supervisor, one year as tax collector, and at the present time he is treasurer of the Christiana Fire Co., and of the Christiana Building and Loan Association. His political faith is that of the Republicans. In his religious belief he adheres to the faith of his fathers and belongs to the religious Society of Friends. Photography has furnished him a pleasing recreation, and he has many fine views of old buildings and interesting scenes in Lancaster county.

William B. Moore has been twice married. On 5th mo. 28th, 1874, in New London township, Chester county, he wedded Phoebe J. Moore, who was born in Sadsbury township, Chester county, in 1847, and who died 4th mo. 10th, 1876, the mother of one child, Anna E., born 12th mo. 6th, 1875, and died 7th mo. 10th, 1876.

Phoebe J. (Moore) Moore was a descendant of Andrew Moore, a farmer of Lancaster county. In 1762 he built a stone house, in what is now Christiana, as a home for his family, and this house stood until 1804, when it was taken down by Isaac Slocum, and the present house built on the site of the old one. Andrew Moore died in Harrisburg while on his way to Center county, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Moore, son of Andrew, was born in Sadsbury township. He was afflicted with lack of power of speech and hearing from birth, but although thus afflicted he made a success of life, and proved himself a good business man, being both a millwright and a manufacturer. His wife, Phoebe Jones, was born in Chester county.

Jeremiah Moore (2), son of Jeremiah and father of Phoebe J., was born 5th mo. 12th, 1803, in Chester county. When he was four years old he was brought into Lancaster county by his parents, and remained in this county until his marriage, when he settled in Chester county. By occupation he was a farmer and undertaker. He married Elizabeth W.

Ely, of Solebury, Bucks county, who died 2nd mo. 12th, 1874, at the age of seventy-one. He died 1st mo. 11th, 1887, and was laid to rest beside his wife in New West Grove cemetery in Chester county. They were both members of the religious Society of Friends. Their children were: Mary E., who married Benjamin McFadden, of Chester county; Sarah M., who married M. P. Wilkinson, and after his death Joseph J. McFadden, both of Chester county; Anna M., who married David Balderson, of New Hope, Bucks county; Levi P., who married Elizabeth L. Paxson, of Chester county, and is deceased; Elizabeth E., who is the present wife of William B. Moore; and Phoebe J., deceased wife of William B. Moore.

On 5th mo. 28th, 1878, William B. Moore married for his second wife, Elizabeth E. (Moore) Michiner, born 3d mo. 7th, 1843.

JOHN K. DIEM, who has lived retired since 1891, was for thirty years one of the most energetic business men of Intercourse, Lancaster county, engaged in several lines of industry. Mr. Diem deserves special credit for the unusual success he achieved, as he commenced life with no financial assistance, and he is a self-made man in the truest sense of that often misused term.

Our subject is a native of this county, born April 6, 1842, in Salisbury township, and is of German descent in the paternal line, his grandfather, John Diem, having been born in Germany. The latter married Hannah Kennedy, a native of Lancaster county. William Diem, father of John K., was born in Lancaster county, and here passed his entire life, dying in Salisbury township in 1880, at the age of seventy-two. He was a shoemaker by occupation. He married Maria Moyer, also a native of Lancaster county, who died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years, and both rest in the Pequica Church cemetery in Salisbury township. Their religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Diem was one of the respected men in his community, and was active in local affairs, serving as township assessor. Of his children, Catherine married Daniel D. Warfel, and lives in Salisbury township; Elizabeth, of Philadelphia, Pa., is the widow of James Ayres; Mary, Mrs. David Kurtz, is deceased; John K. is mentioned more fully below; Ellen, Mrs. Foreman, resides in Lancaster; Hannah is the wife of Edward Ranck, of Salisbury township; William is a contractor and builder in Chester county, this State; Hettie is the widow of William Cofroth, of Salisbury township; Bellmina lives in Philadelphia; Christ, a contractor and builder, is a resident of Malvern, Chester county.

John K. Diem received his education in the common schools, and remained under the parental roof until he was eighteen years of age, since when he has fought life's battles on his own account. Having served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, he followed same for a quarter of a century, from





1860 to 1885, in time taking up contracting and building. He also engaged in the undertaking business, conducting a large number of funerals in his locality. Meantime, in 1884, he added coal and lumber dealing to his other interests, and continued in that line until his retirement, ten years ago. Mr. Diem's patrons found him uniformly reliable and straightforward in every transaction, and this fact, taken into consideration along with a faculty for good management and sound judgment, accounts for the abundant success which rewarded him in all his undertakings. In the accumulation of a comfortable competence he has retained the respect of all his associates, and he is passing his days among friends gained by years of upright living and devotion to duty. Mr. Diem owns a fine farm, which his son cultivates. Since 1901 he has been engaged in the wholesale tobacco business, packing, etc. His strict attention to business has prevented him from taking any active part in public affairs beyond the casting of his vote, by which he usually supports the candidates of the Republican party.

Mr. Diem has been twice married. His first union, with Miss Margaret Parmer, was celebrated in 1863, in Salisbury township, and was blessed with children as follows: (1) Alfred E., of Philadelphia, is an undertaker; he has married twice, first to Miss Susan Hoar, subsequently to Miss Phoebe Betz. (2) Henry W. is married and living in Wellsville, Ohio, where he is foreman in the Pennsylvania Railway Shops. (3) John W., a butcher of Lancaster, married Anna Bowermaster. (4) Mary A. is the wife of Ulysses Musser, of East Lampeter township. (5) Walter S., married and living in Gordonville, is a cigar box manufacturer. (6) Edgar E., a farmer of Leacock township, married Carrie Mowery. (7) Margaret married Amos Brubaker, a farmer of Upper Leacock township. (8) Emma is the wife of Jesse Bowermaster, of Lancaster. (9) Susie married Daniel Bork, a boot and shoe merchant of Lancaster. (10) Annie E. married Milton Woodward, of Coatesville, Chester county. The mother died in 1881, aged thirty-seven years, and was buried in Leacock cemetery. She was born in Earl township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bowers) Parmer. In 1884 Mr. Diem married, in Upper Leacock township, Miss Emma Bender, and they have had four children, Nettie V., Elsa G., Estella L. and Lloyd F., all still living at home. Mrs. Emma Diem was born in 1854, in Upper Leacock township, a daughter of Kinzer D. and Leah (Berkenbine) Bender.

Kinzer D. Bender first married Mary Weidler, and of the children born to this union, Franklin is a retired farmer, now making his home in Mechanicsburg; John, deceased, was a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Henry died young; Mary married Jacob Burkholder, of Upper Leacock township; and William K. is a resident of Strasburg. The second marriage of Mr. Bender was to Susan Weidler, the sister to his first wife, and one son was born of

this marriage, Weidler, who died when grown to maturity. The third marriage of Kinzer Bender was to Leah Berkenbine, and to them were born: George, of Lancaster; Emma, who married John K. Diem; Kinzer, of Upper Leacock township; Anna, who married Edward Sutton, a traveling agent; and Salome, deceased. The father died in September, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in Heller's Church cemetery. The mother is still living in Lancaster City. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, as was also her husband.

JACOB C. PFAHLER (deceased). By their lives men win the imperishable respect, affection and gratitude of their fellow citizens, if deeds and daily habits are of noble type. When the name of Jacob C. Pfahler is spoken, it is with kindness, respect and true regard. The career of Mr. Pfahler at Columbia was one of earnest endeavor, crowned with deserved success. For more than half a century he was a prominent citizen of that borough. As a youth of sixteen years, about 1831, with hope and ambition to live a worthy life, with principles of rectitude and righteousness firmly implanted in his nature, he came to Columbia, and there he continued to reside, one of the borough's most estimable citizens, until his death, Sept. 10, 1899.

Christopher Pfahler, his father, migrated from Germany, his native land, to America when a lad, and in 1803 settled in York county, Pa. There he followed farming and the trade of turner, which he had acquired in the Fatherland. He married Catherine Hilderbrand, and of their five sons Jacob C., born Jan. 13, 1815, was the eldest. Henry, late a resident of Columbia, was the last survivor.

As was common sixty or seventy years ago, Jacob C. Pfahler acquired a trade, that of a saddler, and that vocation he followed at Columbia for a period of sixty-five years. The most estimable character which he developed won him the friendship and affection of all who knew him. During the war he served as burgess, and for several years was councilman. For a period of forty-two years he was treasurer of the Columbia Public Grounds Co. He was also treasurer of the Mt. Bethel Cemetery Co., of the Columbia & Marietta Pike Co., and of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, holding these offices at the time of his death. In his younger years he was a Democrat, but later in life supported the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Pfahler was a man of deep and sincere religious convictions. Early in life he became connected with the Presbyterian Church, and in 1870 became an elder in the church, continuing in that official capacity until his death.

The marriage of Jacob C. Pfahler and Sarah J. Schnaeder was solemnized at York, Pa., in 1839. The wife died March 23, 1868, aged forty-nine years. Two children were born to them: Charles H., who died unmarried in 1891; and Mrs. Jemima M. Truscott, who died July 5, 1901, and who was



the solace of Mr. Pfahler in his declining years. Ill health had obliged him in 1881 to retire from active life, and his later years were made pleasant by the ministrations and care of his daughter. She succeeded him as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Jacob Pfahler possessed those charitable and broad views of life which distinguished the true nobleman. His business talents and application had gained for him a deserved competence, but financial success only deepened and mellowed the governing principles of humanity and charity which marked his entire career. His loss has been keenly felt not only by his immediate friends but by the wide circle of acquaintances with whom his memory will linger long as an inspiration to that which is best and highest in mankind.

**PETER FOREMAN.** The history of the Foreman family in America begins with the coming of Frederick Foreman from Germany, to make his home in Berks county, Pa., where he worked as a day laborer, and lived to be over eighty years old. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran Church, and his career in life, though lowly, was in every way honorable.

Peter Foreman, his son, and the grandfather of Peter Foreman, whose name appears above, spent the most of his life in Berks county, where he was born. A few years before his death at the age of seventy-two, he came into Lancaster county to make his home. A shoemaker by trade, he followed that occupation the most of his life. Elizabeth Styer, his wife, was a native of Lancaster county, and became the mother of a large family of children: John, the father of Peter Foreman; Samuel, a collier in Caernarvon township; Daniel, who is living at Morgantown, Berks county, where he followed the carpenter trade for many years; Katie, who married Adam Styer, of Caernarvon township; Eliza, who married Nona Quaintance, of Reading, Pa.; Mary, wife of Charles Thomas, of Philadelphia; Sarah, who wedded Thomas Murphy, and lives in Illinois; Rebecca, wife of William Conway, of Caernarvon township, and who now has her home in Philadelphia; Ellen, a twin sister of Daniel, and who died unmarried.

John Foreman was born Nov. 4, 1816, and died Oct. 2, 1893. Although born in Berks county, the most of his life was spent in Lancaster county, where he owned an eighty-acre farm two miles northeast of Churchtown. A successful farmer and a self-made man, he was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of the community, taking a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his locality. His farm was wild and uncultivated when it came into his possession, but under his industrious and practical management was thoroughly improved, and equipped with buildings, machinery and everything needed for its perfect cultivation.

Mr. Foreman was married March 14, 1837, to

Rachel Pierce, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Pierce. Mrs. Foreman was born in Lancaster county Nov. 6, 1816, and died April 20, 1898. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth died unmarried; Catherine is the widow of Thomas Nehms, of Chester county; Martha and Margaret, twins, of whom Martha married Wash Woods, of Pittsburg, and Margaret became the wife of John Menzer, of New Holland; Elizabeth (2) died unmarried; Peter; Abraham is a laborer at Morgantown; Sarah is the wife of Frank McClellan, of Pittsburg; John died young; Mary Jane married J. L. Black, of Morgantown; Clement lives in Birdsborough, Pa.; and Abner died young.

Peter Foreman was born Dec. 25, 1844, and spent the first sixteen years of his life on the farm, receiving his education in the public school. At that age he began working for wages, and was engaged in this way until he was twenty-five years of age, when he married and rented a farm, beginning that career in which he has passed his life. For some years he operated rented property; but in 1881 bought his present farm, consisting of seventy acres just north of Churchtown, which he has greatly improved with fine farm buildings, making it one of the fine country homes in this part of the county. Mr. Foreman and his worthy wife began at the bottom with little resources, and they have, by patient persistence in industry, thrift and integrity, risen to an enviable standing among the leading and influential people of the county. While following general farming in the main, Mr. Foreman has made a specialty of tobacco culture, and is said to be the most extensive tobacco grower in the eastern part of Lancaster county. The Havana Seed is raised by him, and he furnished the tobacco for the Lancaster county exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago. Mr. Foreman also deals in fertilizers in connection with his farming. In his politics he is a staunch Republican, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the party. He is a member of the township board of education, and has served as supervisor. He has also been a member of the Republican county committee.

Mr. Foreman was married Feb. 8, 1870, to Miss Susan Foreman, a daughter of John and Mary (Bartman) Foreman, natives of Lancaster and Montgomery counties, respectively. Most of their married life was spent in Lancaster county, but their last years were passed in Chester county, where the father died at about the age of seventy years, and the mother at about sixty-five years. The father was a forgerman in the iron business. They were both members of the Methodist Church. Jacob Bartman, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Foreman, was an undertaker and cabinet maker, and also owned a farm in Montgomery county. Of the children of John Foreman, Henry is a resident of Safe Harbor, Lancaster county; Matilda is the widow of John Slater, of Philadelphia; Catherine married the Rev. Ben Christ, and died in Minnesota; William





was a soldier in the Civil war, and was killed in the Seven Days' battle in front of Richmond; Mary is the widow of Isacher Freeman, and lives in Chester county; Susan is Mrs. Foreman; Edward is in Philadelphia; Mahlon is in Philadelphia; and two children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Foreman have seven children: Walter, at home; Henry, a hat finisher at Reading, who served in the Spanish-American war for eight months, being in the front in Porto Rico, and mustered out a corporal (he married Miss Agnes Ober); Bessie, at home; Mary, a seamstress at Philadelphia; John, at home; Rachael, a student at the Reading Hospital Training School; and James, at home. The Foremans are all Methodists, and Mr. Foreman is a trustee of the Church. The good lives of the various members of this notable family well entitle them to honorable mention in this book of men who have done things, and who have lived for the good of their kind in Lancaster county.

**PHILIP D. REA.** Among the leading and prosperous farmers of Drumore township is Philip D. Rea, a son of the late William and Sarah Ann (Drancker) Rea, of Sadsbury township.

William Rea, the father, was born March 5, 1811, while his wife was born in 1819; he died Oct. 14, 1881, and she passed away Nov. 8, 1899. William Rea was a son of James Rea, and James Rea had the following family: William; Henry; Eben; Jefferson; Robert; Louisa; Eliza; Mary; and Hannah. The great-grandfather, also James Rea, was born on board ship in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, while his parents were on their way to America, and he was of Scotch-Irish descent.

William Rea was a farmer by calling and the father of the following family: Amor, a farmer of Bart township; Mary, the wife of Samuel Fogle, of Christiana; Miss Hannah, on the old homestead; Philip D., of Drumore; Adam T., unmarried and residing on the home farm in Sadsbury; Miss Sarah, a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; Elizabeth, wife of Gilbert Smith, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Miss Emma, at home; James, of New York City, a teacher in a business college and the youngest of the family. The father was a stone mason and bridge builder by trade, and helped to build the old Georgia Central railroad bridge that was destroyed by Sherman's army on their march to the sea.

Philip D. Rea was married, on Feb. 11, 1876, to Miss Eliza McGowen, a daughter of John and Catherine (Nott) McGowen, of Sadsbury township, and they were also of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Rea have had the following children: Catherine, wife of Charles Evans, of East Drumore township; E. Noble; and Hiram M.

Philip D. Rea was educated in the common schools of his township, and at the Academy of Christiana. He early began life for himself, and he now owns one of the best farms in southern Lan-

caster county. In politics he is a Republican, and throughout the neighborhood he is highly respected and esteemed as a good citizen and obliging neighbor, and as a man worthy the confidence of his fellow townsmen.

**WILLIAM KAHL.** The wealth of encouragement emitted from the life of William Kahl, former brick manufacturer of Lancaster, is perhaps the greatest legacy left by this intrepid and remarkably successful man. His life story moves with steady and unswerving persistency from the unwilling bound-child of tender years to his marriage with fifty cents in his pocket, and on through a splendid soldier service in the Union ranks, to the possession, at the time of his death in 1888, not only of an honored and influential name, but of eighteen houses in Lancaster, besides one of the largest, best equipped, and best paying brick manufactories in the county.

A native of Marietta, Pa., Mr. Kahl was born in 1821, and was third in the order of birth of the children of Frederick S. and Elizabeth (Boas) Kahl, also born in Lancaster county, Pa. Of the other children of the family, Henry is deceased; John was for years the partner of his brother William, but is now deceased; Mary married John Kuhns, a tobacconist, and is deceased; and Lavinia became the second wife of Mr. Kuhns, and is also deceased.

When very young William Kahl was bound out to service, but was dissatisfied and ran away. He finally brought up in a comb factory, where he remained for several years, and in 1847 entered the brick yard owned by Jacob Shirk, in time advancing to the position of manager. During the several years thus employed he gained a fair knowledge of the business which was to stand him in such excellent stead in later life, and in 1855 started a like business for himself with his brother, John, as a partner. He purchased the site of the present home of his widow, one block extending from Lemon to James streets, Mary and Pine streets having since been opened through it, and there he built his kilns and general appurtenances, his brother having a half share in the whole. During the war the brother managed the business, and upon the return of William from service, he purchased his brother's interest, and continued until the brick possibilities of the land were completely exhausted. He therefore purchased another tract of ground, and erected larger and more modern manufacturing appliances, and for the remainder of his life made brick by steam power, and in increasing quantities. In the meantime the land comprising the site of the former plant was undergoing a change from a manufacturing center to one of the residence parts of the town, for Mr. Kahl erected many houses thereon, and in fact was responsible for the upbuilding of the greater part of the northwestern portion of the town. He furnished brick for many of the prominent buildings in Lancaster, and the quality of his product was as superior as skill and long experience could



produce. At the time of his death he had an order for a million brick, which order was necessarily cancelled.

No more gallant and enthusiastic soldier left growing and responsible interests to shoulder arms in a just cause than Mr. Kahl. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. E, 70th P. V. I., and served until his discharge at the end of three years, Oct. 3, 1864. After a short visit to his home he re-enlisted March 1, 1865, in Co. A, 87th Regulars, was attached to the 1st Brigade, and discharged after the Grand Review up Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, June 25, 1865. He saw much of the terrible and greswome side of warfare, and participated in most of the historically interesting battles. Among other adventures he was wounded by gun shot in the calf of his leg, and his eyes were weakened by sap from the cedar trees. Thrice captured, the third time he escaped with no clothes on, and swimming the river, succeeded in joining his regiment. He was promoted to the position of wagon master.

On July 19, 1846, in Lititz, Pa., Mr. Kahl married Anna E. Edgerley, a native of Lancaster, and sister of Capt. Edward Edgerley. Mrs. Kahl, who died Jan. 17, 1902, at the age of eighty years, was the mother of six children, viz: Fred S., deceased; William E., deceased; Jacob, deceased; Sarah L.; Gideon S., of Lancaster; and Charles, deceased. Mr. Kahl was identified with the I. O. O. F., the K. P., and Post No. 495, G. A. R., and he was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a man of large heart, and practical generosity, and the nobility and usefulness of his life appealed to all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred just one day previous to the forty-second anniversary of his marriage.

**HENRY E. MUSSER, M. D.** For four generations the name of Musser has been identified with the history of the successful practice of medicine in Lancaster county. According to the best authenticated reports, the first of the family to settle within that shrievalty was Dr. Benjamin Musser, who took up his home in Manor township about the middle of the eighteenth century. Details as to his career are wanting, but the fact that he was twice married is well established. His first wife was a Miss Nicely, and seven children were born of this union. After her death he married Maria Souders, the issue of their marriage being three sons and two daughters: Benjamin, Jacob, Martin, Martha and Lizzie. Dr. Benjamin Musser was the great-grandfather of Dr. Henry E., and Martin (his second son) was the grandfather. Mention of the latter is made in the succeeding paragraph, but a brief reference to collateral genealogical lines is of interest. Jacob, the eldest son of the second marriage of Dr. Benjamin Musser, was born Jan. 8, 1771; he married a daughter of John and Catherine Nissley, and died March 4, 1840. Benjamin, born Aug. 5, 1799, died March 7, 1824; he married a daughter of

Christian and Barbara Kendig. Martha and Lizzie married John and Abram Hess, respectively.

Following down the direct genealogical line of Dr. Henry E. Musser, the historian finds it necessary to pursue the fortunes of Martin, the third son of Benjamin, and the direct antecedent, in the third generation, of this successful and popular physician. Martin Musser was born March 5, 1793. He read medicine under the enlightened, kindly tutelage of his father, and at the age of twenty-two began the practice of his profession. To his duties he brought both skill and patience; yet the life of a country practitioner, with all the care and toil incident to it in those (comparatively) early days, was not to his liking. He followed the life for twenty years and then resolved to seek a more quiet mode of existence. Accordingly, in 1835, he purchased a farm, on which he passed his remaining years, dying Aug. 9, 1849. His wife's maiden name was Ann Hostetter, and his children were nine in number, named Jacob, Benjamin, Henry, Martin, Daniel, Martha, Susan, Anna and Emma. All the sons, with the exception of Daniel, followed family tradition, and treading in ancestral footsteps, became students of the divine art of healing. The home of Jacob was in Smoketown, where he built up a large and successful practice, and where he died; there, too, he married Martha Herr. Benjamin practiced in Strasburg township, and died there; he was three times married: first to Letita Neff; second to Naomi Herr; and third to Catherine Buckwalter. Henry was the father of Dr. Henry E. Musser. Martin (the fourth son of Martin, Sr.) practiced medicine successfully in Cumberland county, but died in early manhood. Daniel is the husband of Susan Herr, and is leading a retired life at Lancaster, Pa. Martha married John F. Herr, and both she and her husband are deceased. Susan (deceased) became the wife of Daniel Herr. Anna married Theodore Herr, of Denver, Colorado, and died in the West. Her younger sister, Emma, is the wife of Theodore Herr.

Henry Musser, third son of Dr. Martin, and father of Dr. Henry E., was born in Lancaster county Oct. 5, 1822. He supplemented a good rudimentary education by a more or less desultory study of medicine, but never entered upon its practice. Instead, he became a successful farmer and was always a man of broad, progressive ideas. As a citizen he was public-spirited, with an eye ever open to the general good; while as an individual he closed neither his ear, his heart nor his purse strings to a tale of distress. His fellow citizens appreciating his character, regarded him highly, recognizing not only his moral worth but his natural aptitude for solving sociological and educational problems, as well. For three years he served as clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions (1868-71). He also served for several years as director of the poor, and no public man or private citizen in Strasburg township has proved himself a more ardent or better en-





lightened champion of public education than he. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Brenne-man. Two sons were born to them, Milton B. and Henry E. Both studied medicine, the elder receiving his diploma from Jefferson Medical College in 1868, and at once beginning practice in Philadelphia. His success was pronounced from the first; indeed, phenomenal for so young a man; but it was cut short by his death, which occurred in 1888. He married Caroline S. Swain.

Dr. Henry E. Musser was born Feb. 17, 1852. He enjoyed exceptionally good educational advantages, physical, intellectual and moral. His father, by both precept and example, instilled sound principles into his youthful mind, while the free untrammelled life of the farm aided not a little in developing to perfection a constitution which was naturally robust. He studied at Jefferson Medical College, and graduated from that institution in 1875. His first five years of professional life were passed in Centerville, Lancaster county, and in 1880 he removed to Smoketown, which has been his home for the past twenty years. Here he has built up a large and lucrative practice, being held in high repute, not less for his many virtues as a man, than for his recognized skill as a physician.

On Nov. 24, 1875, Dr. Musser married Myra, a daughter of John Musselman, of East Lampeter. Three sons have been born to them. The eldest, Charles Milton, is in the employ of the People's Trust Co., at Lancaster; while the second, Guy Musselman, is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; and the youngest, Parke N., is in the Custom House at Philadelphia. Dr. Musser is a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 252, A. O. U. W., and of the Masonic fraternity.

**JULIUS PAUL SIEBOLD**, the successful East End florist of Lancaster, is a conspicuous example of a self-made man. Born in Mansfield, Germany, he came to this country in 1877, landing on these shores with little other capital than energy, honesty and an ambition to succeed. At fourteen he commenced to learn locksmithing, and later became an expert machinist, studying that trade in Berlin. But not liking it, he came to America in May, 1877, and after working on a dairy farm in New York State for a time, came to Lancaster, in October, 1877. Although he had never before worked on a farm, he filled the bill as though born to the business. After paying two visits to the West and one to the Southwest, he concluded to locate permanently in Lancaster, and in May, 1888, he and his wife settled in that city.

After working for a local florist from 1880 to 1894, Mr. Siebold began business for himself in gardening and floriculture on East Orange street, where his growing trade soon took on such dimensions that he was presently compelled to seek other quarters. He then found another location on East Chestnut, where it terminates in the Groffstown

road. There he leased three acres, erected two large hothouses, and, making many other improvements, soon won the reputation of being the most progressive and foremost gardener of the city. Assisted by his wife, whose industry, intelligence and courtesy have contributed much to the business, he has built up a trade of great proportions, and commands a patronage from the very best people of the city. The Siebolds are successful growers of fine flowers and vegetables of every kind, and for years past their celery has been the standard of the market. They have celery on sale as late as May 1st, an achievement accomplished by no other gardener. Their celery sales are enormous, as they also have the choice of the product of Mrs. Siebold's uncle in Tioga county, who grows over 400 acres each year, and of a cousin in Chester county, who has 200 acres of this and other choice products, operating at the same time over seventy hothouses. During the winter of 1901 Mr. Siebold grew celery under glass, as well as tomatoes and other vegetables, making a great hit on the early spring market. Mr. Siebold has telephone connections, has stands in all the leading markets of the city, and no man, there or elsewhere, is more industrious and hardworking. In the fall of 1902 Mr. Siebold threw two hothouses into one, increased the length, and created one of the finest up-to-date hothouses in the interior of the State, this being in perfect keeping with the liberal and progressive work of Mr. and Mrs. Siebold in their chosen business—a business which they have reduced to a fine art, as can be attested by the hosts of people in this community who enjoy the products of their skilled labor. During the summer of 1900 they cultivated a dozen of the choicest and most beautiful flower beds in Woodward Hill cemetery ever seen in Lancaster.

Mr. Siebold was married, in 1885, to Miss Anna Theresa Mueller, a daughter of Charles Mueller, who passed away in his native Germany. Mr. Mueller lived for years in Carola, Mo., where his daughter, Anna Theresa, finished her education, which had been begun in Germany. She attended the Poplar Bluff high school, and secured an excellent education, to which her conversation and writing bear testimony. Her father returned to Germany because he could not sell his property there without a great sacrifice, and in November, 1901, entered into rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius P. Siebold are members of the Lutheran Church of the Advent. Mrs. Siebold being actively associated with the Ladies' Sewing Circle, and being a teacher in the main Sunday-school, while Mr. Siebold is a member of the church council and also treasurer.

The father of Julius P. Siebold was a master mechanic, and had his own works at Mansfield, when only twenty-one years old, employing twenty skilled workmen. He was later employed in Berlin, and worked for a time in the service of the Russian Government at Odessa, where he received a special gift





of 500 roubles and a diploma from Czar Alexander for his magnificent work in superintending the erection of docks, etc. His father, Carl Siebold, was a soldier under Napoleon the Great, and took part in the disastrous retreat from Moscow.

**GEORGE KURTZ**, a retired farmer of Providence township, is one of the most highly respected German-American citizens of his locality. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 23, 1824, son of John M. Kurtz, now deceased.

John M. Kurtz, the father, was also born in Wittenberg, and spent his whole life in Germany. He was the father of six children, these being: Rosena, Dora, Andrew, Barbara, Margaret and George, the latter being the only survivor of the family and the only one who ever came to America.

George Kurtz has had some unusual occurrences in his career since settling in America. He landed in New York on Nov. 4, 1854, and went directly to Philadelphia, thence to Lancaster. However, he soon went to one of the southern States and was residing in the South at the outbreak of the Civil war. This resulted in his conscription into the Confederate army, and he was forced to participate in some of the hardest fought battles of the war. Finally he escaped to the North, but it was with the loss of his five years' earnings. After remaining a time in Philadelphia, he went to Lancaster county, where, in 1867, he bought his farm of fifty-six acres of land in Providence township, and by great industry and frugality has accomplished much. Mr. Kurtz has been a hard-working man for many years, and has earned the comfort which he is now able to enjoy.

On March 24, 1864, Mr. Kurtz was married in Lancaster county to Miss Amelia E. Vollrath, born in 1833, in Germany, and a family of five children has been born to this union, as follows: Edward, who follows the carpenter trade in Philadelphia; Miss Mary, of Atlantic City, N. J.; Emma M., a resident of Lancaster; Bertha, who also resides in Lancaster; and Charles, who operates the home farm since his father has given up active labor, the farm being well-improved and productive.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are valued members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Republican. The whole family enjoys the respect of the community, while Mr. Kurtz is noted for his honesty, his truthfulness and his many acts of kindness and charity.

**WILLIAM B. THOME**, M. D., the leading physician in Milton Grove, Mt. Joy township, and one of the most highly respected and useful citizens of that section, was born Feb. 18, 1854, in Lebanon county, Pa., near Lawn, a son of Dr. Joseph S. and Sarah (Brown) Thome.

Dr. Joseph S. Thome was a native of Lancaster county, born in Manheim, and died in Mastersonville Jan. 8, 1890, aged sixty-nine years. In his younger days he assisted his father in surveying and as a

scrivener, later becoming a physician and making his home in Lawn, Lebanon county, for a period of forty years, returning to Lancaster county six years prior to his death. He was laid away in Milton Grove cemetery. Both he and wife were long members of the Lutheran Church. She was born in Lebanon county in 1824, and now resides with her son William B. They were the parents of four children, namely: John, who is an iron worker in Lebanon; Margaret, who died young; William B.; and May, who died at the age of two years.

William B. Thome was afforded excellent educational opportunities by a farsighted and intelligent father. He made his home with his parents until 1876, when he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. After his marriage he settled for practice in Mastersonville, this county, remaining there for ten years, at the end of which period he came to Milton Grove, where he has remained ever since, becoming a leading citizen. Dr. Thome is widely known, and his practice is not confined to his immediate locality, his skill being in requisition over a wide extent of territory. In politics, like his father, Dr. Thome is a Democrat, but he has no political aspirations, and did not even seek the office of school director, to which he was elected. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, although his duties interfere with a very regular attendance.

On June 13, 1876, in Lancaster, Dr. Thome was married to Miss Louisa G. Missimer, and to this union were born two sons, Winfield M. and Arthur J., both of whom are attending Baltimore Medical College. Winfield M. was married, in 1902, to Miss Gertrude G. Engle, daughter of Simon H. and Mary (Graybill) Engle, of Conoy township, Lancaster county. Mrs. Thome was born in Rapho township, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Gantz) Missimer, of Lancaster county. Mr. Missimer was a miller by trade, and operated what was known as the Heistand mill, on the Chiques creek, for many years, following the example of his father. Esquire Jacob Missimer, who built the mill and operated it a very considerable time. Jacob Missimer was a prominent man, and served his district as school director for a long period. He died at the age of seventy years, in 1888, his widow dying in 1892, at the same age. They were buried in the Cross Roads River Brethren Church cemetery, in East Donegal township, although they were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Susan G. married Rev. David Wolgemuth, a River Brethren minister; Martha G. married David Brandt, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Sarah G. married Henry B. Martin, a farmer of East Donegal township; Catherine G. is the widow of Henry N. Snyder, of Mt. Joy township; Anna G. married Samuel G. Witmer, a farmer and trucker of Rapho township; Mary G. married Edward B. Boyd, a merchant of Manheim; Louisa G. is the wife of Dr. Thome; Elizabeth G. married Jacob Gruber, a farmer of Rapho township; and Harriet G. is the widow of Jacob Engle, of East Hempfield township.





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ABRAHAM H. HERR, one of the representative men of Lancaster county, was born on the farm he owns and occupies, Oct. 5, 1855, a son of Christian and Susanna (Hess) Herr. Reared on the home farm, and educated in the public schools, he remained at home with his parents, taking charge of the farm about two years before his father's death. The parents lived with him until their death, his father dying in 1883, and his mother in October, 1900.

Mr. Herr gives his attention to farming and dairying, keeping some eighteen head of cattle, and for seven years ran a milk route in Lancaster. At the present time he does no retail business. His farm which consists of 112 acres, is classed among the better places of the county. It has been considerably improved since it came into the possession of Mr. Herr, and is thoroughly cultivated. Mr. Herr is a public-spirited citizen, and is deeply interested in all propositions that affect the public good. He has never sought nor accepted public station, though frequently asked by his friends to take certain town offices. His home is under the charge of his sister Elizabeth, who with him is deeply interested in Sunday-school work. All the members of this numerous and widely scattered family are among the most orderly and industrious in the community, where their good character, integrity and honor have made them many friends.

CHRISTIAN HERR (deceased), in his life time one of the more prominent citizens of Lancaster county, was born March 25, 1807, a son of Joseph and Mariah (Frower) Herr, both of Pequea township. Christian Herr was born in Pequea township, where he was reared to farm life. He was married Nov. 30, 1839, to Susanna Hess, and located on the farm near Hollinger, where his son, Abraham, is now found. There he devoted his life to farming, and there died June 20, 1883. In his earlier manhood he was engaged in the milling business at what is now known as the Pugh Mills, being associated with his brother, Abraham. At one time he took much interest in the culture of silk worms, erecting a building for that purpose, and growing his own silk, but did not keep at it long, as the conditions were unfavorable to its success. The later years of his life were entirely devoted to farming, and he was well and favorably known throughout the county.

Mrs. Susanna (Hess) Herr was a daughter of Jacob Hess, of Pequea township, born April 27, 1815; she died Oct. 26, 1900. By her marriage with Mr. Herr she became the mother of seven children: Jacob H., of Willowstreet, born Aug. 26, 1840; Joseph, a resident of West Lampeter township, born Jan. 6, 1842; Maria, born Feb. 23, 1844, died in childhood; Christian H., born 1846, died Feb. 21, 1898, in Manor township, where he had followed farming, and at one time had been a school teacher; Barbara, born Oct. 28, 1850, now the wife of Jacob Lindeman, of West Lampeter township; Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1853, now housekeeper for her brother

Abraham; and Abraham H., born Oct. 5, 1855, residing on the old homestead. Christian Herr, the father of this family, was a Dunkard, but his wife belonged to the old Mennonite Church.

JACOB HERR, the oldest member of the above family, was born and reared on the old homestead and educated in the public schools, and in the high school in Cumberland county. Remaining at home until 1880, he then located at Willowstreet, operating a small tract of five acres, giving the most of his attention to the Lancaster and Willowstreet Turnpike Co., of which he has been superintendent and treasurer. The office of secretary is also filled by him. He married, Jan. 13, 1880, Mrs. Catherine, widow of Martin Kreider and daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Forrer) Mylin, born in Pequea township, July 8, 1835. They have one of the most pleasant homes found at Willowstreet. In religious belief they belong to the Mennonite Church, and they are highly respected for their many good qualities.

HENRY H. AMENT, who has followed carpet weaving and carpentering in Columbia for a number of years, was born March 19, 1835, in Manor township, this county. The Ament family is one of the oldest and most respected in Lancaster county, where our subject's grandparents settled on their emigration from Germany, their native country.

George Ament, the father of Henry H., was born Sept. 10, 1792. He did a prosperous teaming business in the early days, carrying goods between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, when railway connections between those two places was yet a dream of the future. He was a man of many resources. By trade a carpet weaver, in his later life he became a farmer, and at the same time carried on business as a butcher. He died May 3, 1873, aged eighty years, seven months and eighteen days. He married Catherine Herr, daughter of Christian Herr, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Christian; Catherine, who married Martin Manning, of Highville, this county; Benjamin, born Jan. 29, 1829, who died Sept. 22, 1870, aged forty-one years, seven months and twenty-four days, the father of nine children; Eliza, who married Christ Kaufman, of Highville; Elias and Mary Ann, both deceased; Henry H.; and Abraham and Fanny, twins, the former a resident of Highville, the latter the wife of Jacob Kaufman, the brother of Christ, of Lancaster. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ament passed away in 1885, aged seventy-four years.

Henry H. Ament was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed up to the age of nineteen years, meantime receiving a practical education in the common schools. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and he has also acquired a thorough knowledge of carpet weaving. Since 1888 he has been engaged at both trades, and he has prospered



well—industry and honest work bringing their own and just rewards. He resided at Highville until June, 1899, when he removed to Columbia, where he has since had his home. As a worthy member of one of the old respected families of the county, Mr. Ament is held in high esteem, and he is fully deserving of the substantial place he holds in the regard of his fellow men.

In November, 1856, Mr. Ament was married, in Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Catherine Schoff, a native of Manor township, and daughter of David and Susanna (Benedict) Schoff, of Lancaster county. Mrs. Ament died Aug. 1, 1896, aged sixty-one years. Of the children born to this union, Amos is a resident of Columbia, this county; Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Mellinger, of Columbia; Jonas and Franklin are deceased; Elias is a carpenter in Highville; David is deceased; and Mary married Elmer Eshleman, of Columbia. In religious connection Mr. Ament is a member of the Evangelical Church. He is independent in politics.

ADOLPH EFINGER, proprietor of the "Seventh Ward Hotel," is one of the popular and successful German-Americans of whom the citizens of Lancaster are justly proud. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, the home of his ancestors, Dec. 30, 1853, a son of Bernard and Caroline (Crim) Efinger.

Bernard Efinger was a man of more than ordinary attainments, and although he never wandered from his native land, he contributed not a little to the steady advancement of the locality in which he lived. In early life he took to surveying as a desirable means of livelihood, and so successful did he become, that he was given a public position as surveyor, the arduous duties of which he creditably maintained for more than half a century. He was interested in politics also, and his popularity and general fitness may be best estimated from the fact that he was burgomaster or mayor of Aixheim, Wurtemberg, for about thirty years. His death occurred in 1897, at the age of seventy-four; his wife died in 1881, at the age of fifty-four. They were members of the Catholic Church, and had the following children besides Adolph: Remius, who came to America in 1860, is a tinsmith in Philadelphia; Catherine, who died in Germany, married Francis Gruler; Otto is a farmer in Germany; Mary is living in Germany; and Anna is also a resident of Germany.

More ambitious than his sire, Adolph Efinger sought to enlarge his sphere of action by removal to the United States in 1871, his objective point being Lancaster, Pa., where resided an uncle, Jacob Efinger. Under this uncle he served an apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker for three years, following which he engaged as journeyman in his trade for six years. For twelve years he was employed in a planing mill, and in 1889 started in the hotel business, of which he has made a success. He has en-

tered actively into general town affairs, and as a staunch Republican has been a member of the city council since 1898. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, but is not a member of any church, although his family attend the German Lutheran Church. His wife was formerly Mary J. Dinkelberg, a native of Lancaster, and who has borne him two children, Bertha K. and Philip C. Mr. Efinger is well adapted to the occupation in which he is engaged, his tact, geniality, and all around good fellowship, contributing in no small measure to his success as host to the traveling public. He is exceedingly well posted, has a thorough knowledge of human nature, and by virtue of his application and integrity has acquired a substantial place among the moneyed men of Lancaster.

REV. WILLIAM FRANCIS SHERO, A. M., rector of St. John's Free Episcopal Church, in Lancaster, is a gentleman of far more than ordinary literary genius, and is doing splendid work in the parish to which he has ministered since September, 1898, having officiated there for one year while filling the office of headmaster of Yeates' Institute. In the rectorship he is the successor of the late lamented Rev. J. E. Pratt.

Mr. Shero's paternal ancestors were French Huguenots, who left France at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, going first to Germany, and from that country to America. His grandfather came to America, bringing with him an infant son, Lewis, who became the father of the Lancaster clergyman. Lewis Shero married Clarissa Francis, daughter of Egbert Francis, who was leading a retired life at Fredonia, N. Y. Of this union there were born seven children, all of whom are living.

Rev. William Francis Shero, A. M., was born near Fredonia, N. Y., in 1863, and was educated in the normal school in his native town, and in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1887. He then attended the Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he was to be graduated in 1890, but left in 1888 to engage in teaching. For four years he worked in the school room, in the meantime continuing his theological studies, while he was principal of the schools at Smethport, Pa. During this time he took a post-graduate course in the University of Rochester, writing a thesis on "The Dis-establishment of the English Church," and in the study of political economy was awarded the first prize—a sum of \$300 in money. Mr. Shero was ordained deacon Dec. 22, 1889, and priest, Feb. 22, 1891. His first call was to Angelica, N. Y., where he served one year and a half, and for four years was chaplain of DeVeaux College at Niagara Falls. At the end of that period he came to Lancaster to take the position of headmaster of Yeates' Institute, a position he filled with credit for two years, and then, as noted above, becoming rector of St. John's Free Episcopal Church.





The degree of Master of Arts was bestowed upon him by Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., in 1890.

Mr. Shero was married June 12, 1891, to Miss Lucy S. Rogers, a daughter of Col. Lucius Rogers, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and now serving as postmaster at Kane, Pa. In 1869 the Colonel was elected prothonotary of McKean county, and three years later he was elected a member of the General Assembly. For eleven years he was journal and reading clerk of the State Senate, and was elected county treasurer in 1889. Col. Rogers is a veteran journalist of much reputation, and by the dignity and candor of his work has made a name for himself that will long endure in McKean county. Col. Rogers has two other children beside Mrs. Shero, Fantine Livia, the wife of Dr. W. P. Bundick, of Mt. Jewett, Pa.; and H. Smull, a lawyer at Mt. Jewett, who bears the name of Mr. Smull, of "Legislative Hand-book" fame. Mrs. Shero has Bishop Kidder, of Bath and Wells, England, among her more distinguished maternal ancestors, among whom is also found Noah Webster. From the union of Mr. Shero with Miss Rogers, were born two children, Lucius Rogers, and Livia Francis.

Mr. Shero has met with much success as rector of St. John's Parish, and his people are devotedly attached to him. Of a deeply spiritual nature, his fine social qualities render his work doubly effective, and with a fine pulpit presence and power he has all the elements which enter into the success of a priest. His record in Lancaster is a story of honest and honorable labor, of deep devotion, and of faithful effort for the improvement of his people.

**SIMON PETER WAYNE**, an old and well-known engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, with his residence in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Colebrook, Lebanon Co., Pa., on the old Robert Coleman estate, May 15, 1847, a son of David C. and Sarah (Knipe) Wayne, natives, respectively of Hanover, York county, and Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, in which latter place they were married.

David C. Wayne was a miller by trade, at which calling he worked from the age of fifteen to 1878, when advanced years precluded further work in the mills, and he then engaged in the patent medicine business until ten years prior to his death, when he retired. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Wayne were born the following named children: William H., who died from the effects of an injury received on the old State railroad; Mary A., widow of John Eymann, who was master painter at Pittsburgh for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Catherine, deceased wife of Samuel Clair; Sarah, widow of Isaac Hogentogler, of Columbia; John, who was wounded at the battle of Malvern Hill, June 30, 1861, while serving in Co. I, 23d P. V. I., died in hospital at Washington, D. C., in October, 1861; David A., a locomotive engineer, was killed in a railroad wreck; Simon Peter was the next in order of

birth: Elizabeth married James Devine, a railroad engineer at Elizabethtown, Pa.; Emma is the wife of Milton Monahan, a railroad conductor at Philadelphia; Rebecca, of the same city, is the widow of Jacob Michael, who was a locomotive engineer; and Lydia married Amos Lewis, a railroad engineer at Shippensburg, Pa. Mrs. Sarah (Knipe) Wayne was very active and earnest in her work for the United Brethren Church, and in 1836-1838 collected the money with which was built the first church edifice of that denomination in Columbia, the first sermon having been preached in German in the dwelling of David C. Wayne, by the Rev. Christian Kaufman, to the embryo congregation of that faith. David C. Wayne was born Oct. 1, 1809, and died Jan. 1, 1888, and his wife was born Sept. 18, 1814, and died April 28, 1882, the family having come to Columbia about 1849.

Simon Peter Wayne, at the early age of eight years, was sent out by his parents to earn in part his own livelihood, and among the farmers of the neighborhood he found employment until fifteen years of age. He was then apprenticed to John Q. Denney, to learn the molder's trade, and was to receive fifty cents per day the first year; seventy-five cents per day the second year; and one dollar per day for the three following years. He was in the shop, however, but little over a year when the war of the Rebellion broke out, and all the molders in the factory, save one, went to the front. Young Wayne was then tested by his employers, and found to be capable of casting a molding, and his wages were fixed at \$2 per day, until the expiration of his apprenticeship. He next worked as a journeyman for Malby, Case & Co., and other foundrymen until January, 1874, when he was given a place, on the 15th of May, as fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and six years later, Aug. 20, 1880, he was promoted to engineer, a position he still occupies. In 1891 he was transferred to Philadelphia, as passenger engineer, but in November, 1893, was returned to Columbia as freight and extra passenger engineer.

Mr. Wayne was united in marriage, March 13, 1867, in Lancaster, with Miss Kate Mayer, and to this union was born one child, William M., who died at the age of three years and twenty days.

Mrs. Kate (Mayer) Wayne was born in Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., March 13, 1848, a daughter of Gottlieb and Mary (Boyer) Mayer, natives of Germany and Berks county, Pa., respectively. Gottlieb Mayer came to America in boyhood, and learned the miller's trade under David C. Wayne, father of Simon Peter. To his marriage to Mary Boyer were born seven children, namely: Kate, now Mrs. Wayne; Anna, wife of Orrick Richards, paper-binder in Columbia; Clara, widow of John Hinkle; Elizabeth, wife of H. P. Young, retired, in Middletown, Pa.; Ella, in Columbia; John, in Marietta; and Emma, who died young. Mr. Mayer died in Columbia at an advanced age in the faith of the





Lutheran Church, and his widow, who was born May 21, 1824, is also a Lutheran and still resides in Columbia.

Mr. Wayne is one of the kindest and most charitable of men. He has had educated in music several children not members of his family, and has reared three as his own. At present he has living with him a niece, Miss Bessie E. Young, whom he has reared from the age of two to seventeen years, although her father is quite wealthy, and is a resident of Middletown. Mr. Wayne is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he holds three offices, those of corresponding secretary, chairman of the board of legislation, and chairman of the committee of adjustments. He is also a member of the general board of the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Wayne is a past grand in the I. O. O. F., a Knight of Malta, and past chancellor, K. P. He also belongs to the Columbia Fire Department. In politics he is a Republican, and has served in the borough council two consecutive terms as president, an honor never before conferred upon a president of the Columbia council. By appointment he also filled out an unexpired term of six months as chief Burgess of Columbia. From a business point of view Mr. Wayne is a self-made man, as he has through his integrity and industry, been given by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., lucrative employment which has enabled him to acquire a competency for the years when old age will make his being able to sit under his own vine and fig tree, without a thought of the morrow, a blessing indeed. For the kindness and favors shown him by the company he has a feeling of gratitude, which grows deeper and stronger as the years go by. His elegant home on Chestnut street is an evidence of what a man may acquire by living an industrious and frugal life, and should be an incentive to the coming generations of railroad men to do likewise, and, like Mr. Wayne, to be honored and respected by all.

WILLIAM D. SNYDER has long been well and favorably known among business men in Columbia, where he has risen to special prominence in his important position of manager for the Keeley Stove Company.

Mr. Snyder was born Feb. 13, 1843, in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county, this State, son of John Frederick and Mary (Dehart) Snyder, also natives of the Keystone State. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John B. Snyder, was born in Montgomery county, where he spent the greater part of his life, following the trade of shoemaker. He was a Democrat in politics, and understood well the political issues of his day, taking an active part in the local affairs of his town. For three years he was a member of the town council, for eight years served as overseer of the poor at Milton, and in numerous other positions aided in the upbuilding of his community. He was a true Christian gentleman, greatly interested in the progress of the Re-

formed Church, of which he was a member. He participated in the Black Hawk war, serving as captain of a company that was sent to the front. John B. Snyder married Sarah Elizabeth Rumer, a native of Northampton county, this State, and they had three sons and one daughter, of whom J. Frederick, our subject's father, was the eldest. The others were Peter; Albert, who was killed during the Civil war; and Sarah. The grandfather died in 1875.

J. Frederick Snyder was born in Montgomery county, where he made his home until his marriage, and he was given a good education in the public schools. On reaching mature years he began clerking in a store, and continued to act as salesman from 1842 to 1860, after which he followed boating on the Pennsylvania Canal, which occupation he abandoned in order to accept work offered him in a sawmill, for which he received better pay. He passed away while residing in Milton, in 1887, when in the sixty-fifth year of his age, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. J. Frederick Snyder was twice married, and by the first union were born five children, of whom William D. was the eldest; Sarah, the next in order of birth, is deceased; Mary is the wife of Jeremiah Datesman, and resides in Columbia; and the two remaining members of the family, twins, are deceased. The wife and mother passed to the land beyond in 1850, at the age of thirty-one.

William D. Snyder received his early education in the common schools of Milton, after which he took a course in the high school, and he subsequently received instruction from Rev. A. G. Dole, pastor of the Reformed Church of Milton, studying English grammar, rhetoric and geometry. At the age of eighteen he engaged in boating, continuing thus until he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a tin smith. Mastering the business in three years, he followed it with fair success until 1872, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Overpeck, the firm name being Overpeck & Snyder. They carried on a thriving trade in tinsmithing and sheet iron work until the death of the senior partner in 1876, when the style was changed to W. D. Snyder & Co., and continued as such for the following three years. At the end of that time our subject disposed of his interest in the business, remaining with the new firm, however, until 1881, when he went to Middletown, becoming superintendent of Raymond & Campbell's mounting establishment in that place. After remaining there a short time, however, he located in Columbia in the employ of the Keeley Stove Co. On Thanksgiving day, 1891, Mr. Snyder was elected to the position of manager of the concern by the board of directors, and has remained in that capacity ever since, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a thorough business man, and whatever he undertakes is bound to succeed. The firm are doing a paying business, transacting over \$200,000 worth of business each year, and give em-



ployment in all departments to about one hundred and forty men. The factory is a large structure, five stories in height, including cellar, located on Maple and Second streets. They have also a sales-room at No. 21 South Charles street, Baltimore.

In his political views Mr. Snyder is a Prohibitionist, and believes that the time will soon come when that party will elect a president. He has been very active in church work since early manhood, and has served twelve years as superintendent of the Sunday-school and eight years as deacon. In social affairs he is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Mutual Lodge No. 84, at Milton; and he is also a member of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.

Mr. Snyder married, in February, 1865, Miss Sarah E., daughter of Peter Smith, of Milton, and to them was born one daughter, Mary, now the wife of Edgar Fager, of Columbia. Mrs. Snyder died in 1867, and our subject subsequently married Miss Nancy C., daughter of James McClosky, of Clinton county, this State. To them have been born four children: Zella, deceased; William Lloyd; Jennie B.; and one that died in infancy.

**WILLIAM B. SCHNEITMAN**, a well-known implement dealer of Elizabethtown, was born in West Donegal township April 3, 1854, son of Matthias F. and Regina (Brantley) Schneitman. The parents were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, where they remained after their marriage until 1844, when they came to America, locating in Elizabethtown. They remained in the borough a year, and then settled on a farm a mile from the town, where they lived and died. Mr. Schneitman passing away in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years, and his widow in 1884, at the age of seventy. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of the following family: Charles, who is deceased; Gotlieb, who lives in Lebanon county; Christianna, wife of Samuel Sherrer; Kate, wife of John Mashey, a farmer of Dauphin county; Henry, a furniture dealer in Casey, Iowa; Mary, wife of Israel Engle, of Lancaster county; William B.; and Louisa, who died young.

William B. Schneitman was married in November, 1881, in Elizabethtown, to Mary Rutt, and to this union was born one child, Harry R. Mrs. Mary (Rutt) Schneitman was born in West Donegal township April 3, 1856, daughter of Christian S. and Susan (Allison) Rutt, natives of West Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively. Her father farmed all his life on the farm where he was born. He died Feb. 21, 1882, at the age of seventy-eight years, ten months, and his remains are resting in the Rutt cemetery, on the old homestead, which has been in the family for more than 200 years. Christian S. Rutt and Susan Allison were married in Lancaster in 1851, and to their union were born the following children: Peter, who is deceased; Mary, Mrs. Schneitman; and Simon, who is engaged in

the cultivation of the old farm in West Donegal. Mrs. Susan (Allison) Rutt was born in Newtown, Rapho township, April 6, 1826, and is now making her home with Mrs. Schneitman. Her parents, Abraham and Susan (Kauffman) Allison, were natives of Ireland and Lancaster county, respectively, and both died at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Susan Rutt, being interred in the old Rutt cemetery. They were members of the River Brethren Church. The father was a mason by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Allison were the parents of the following children: Barbara, widow of John Cassel; John, who died in Kansas; Abraham, a farmer in Kansas; Benjamin, Fanny and Anna, all deceased; and Susan.

William B. Schneitman remained with his parents on the home farm until he was twelve years of age when he was bound out, working for his board during the winter, and receiving six dollars a month during the summer season. He made good use of the winter schools, and when he was twenty years old began teaching, in which capacity he was engaged for two years. For the next eight years he followed tobacco farming, and then took up the business in which he is now engaged. He moved to Elizabethtown in 1884, but also continued to carry on tobacco farming in West Donegal township. While in that township he was clerk two terms, and in 1894 he was elected school director in Elizabethtown and re-elected in 1897. He and his wife are both members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. They are intelligent people, and enjoy an enviable standing in the community.

**JACOB D. KOHR**, who lives one mile northwest of Lancaster, belongs to one of the old families of the county, and well sustains the honor of the family name. His father, Rev. Bishop John Kohr, now deceased, was a noted man in the church; he is mentioned elsewhere.

Jacob D. Kohr was born April 14, 1845, on the place adjoining the one where he now makes his home. His education was gained in the public school, and when he was twenty-five years of age he began business for himself on a sixty-five acre farm belonging to his grandfather, in Manheim township, where he remained one year. His next location was in East Lampeter township, where he operated two rented farms of sixty-five acres each, remaining there only one year, however, when he moved to Lancaster to become the first steward of Harbach Hall, Franklin and Marshall College. At the end of a year he resigned this position, in which he had given good satisfaction, as he was needed at home to take charge of the farm. With his brother he carried on the family homestead for three years, and then established himself on the old David O. Shirk farm. The following year he located on a farm which his father had bought for him, consisting of sixty-seven acres, a portion of which he sold to the railroad company, and then operated the remainder







from 1876 to 1896. In the latter year he bought the home property, where this writing finds him retired from active farming. This property comprises three acres, and the place has been thoroughly remodeled to meet his ideas of what a neat and attractive home should be. Though not now engaged in active farming, Mr. Kohr is still in active business, putting up for the market Saratoga chips, fruit butters, catsups, and a similar line of toothsome dainties.

Mr. Kohr was married Dec. 24, 1868, to Miss Mary F., a daughter of Benjamin and Lydia Landis. She was born in Franklin county, Pa., near Waynesboro, Sept. 1, 1848. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohr have come the following children: (1) Frank L., born Jan. 3, 1870, married Miss Barbara Harnish, by whom he has had one child, Elizabeth, and is a florist. (2) Annie L., born Oct. 21, 1871, is the wife of Jacob L. Kreider, a grocer at the corner of Chestnut and Nevin streets, Lancaster, and is the mother of three children, Esther, Jesse and Mary. (3) Alice, born May 1, 1875, is the wife of Elmer J. Weaver, the florist, of East Lampeter township, and is the mother of one child, Lloyd. (4) Howard L., born Aug. 5, 1877, is a machinist employed at the Westinghouse airbrake works, in Pittsburgh. (5) Esther, born Sept. 7, 1883, is at home. (6) Lydia was born July 8, 1885. (7) John was born Feb. 8, 1890. Mrs. Kohr is a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church and the family are among the Christian and highly intelligent people of this section of the county.

Frank L. Kohr, the eldest son, obtained his education in the public schools and in the State Normal, where he attended two years. In 1875 he established his greenhouse on the site where he has since built up a prosperous business, having removed his plant from the farm, where he was reared, and where he began the business in 1890. Beginning with 3,000 feet of glass, he now has 7,000. He makes a specialty of carnations, and also of bedding plants, such as geraniums, begonias and petunias. His product goes to Philadelphia and Reading. In 1892 he began trucking, and conducts a truck farm of five acres in connection with his floral business. He has some 300 peach trees, and watches the Lancaster markets very closely. In 1892 he bought his home, situated about a mile northwest of Lancaster city. Mr. Kohr belongs to the Society of American Florists, and is a member of the Page Society.

**ABRAHAM HIRSH.** The Hirsh Brothers may be justly placed in the front rank of the business men of Lancaster by reason of their pronounced ability in trade, their intelligent observation of commercial and mercantile matters, their wise discernment of the wants of the people, and their readiness to cater to the wants of the people as well as their uniformly satisfactory dealing with their patrons. These have been prominent factors in their success in building up a trade in the city second to none, and

in acquiring fortunes that have placed them among the heaviest taxpayers of Lancaster. They have been the architects of their own fortunes, earning what they owned, and in the afternoon of life are surrounded by happy families, in the full enjoyment of all the good things that wealth affords.

Like many other successful business men of Lancaster, the Hirsh brothers were not to "the manner born," but first saw the light in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, only a few miles from the famous city of Worms. Their parents, Meyer and Dora Hirsh, frugal and industrious villagers, reared their boys until they had attained manhood, when they were sent forth at their own request to the New World, with but small capital, to carve out their own fortunes.

Leopold Hirsh, the first of the brothers to come to America, arrived in New York in 1851, and there purchased a small stock of notions. He made his way to Reading, Pa., where he was joined the following year by his eldest brother, Abraham. The brothers united their little savings and worked hard in hand as peddlers of fancy notions, and within a year had made sufficient advance to be able in 1853 to open a store at Danville, Pa., where at the time was building the Catawassa railroad, and the Montrose Iron Works were in full blast. The young merchants rented a store and, vigorously pushing the jewelry and notion business, made money rapidly. Before they had been in business twelve months they rented another building, on the opposite side of the town, and fitted it up as a clothing store. Abraham Hirsh went to Sunbury, where he rented a room and began the watch and jewelry trade, having an old and experienced watchmaker from Germany as his assistant. He did a fair business. As times changed at Danville the brothers sought another location, selling the two stores in that place, and the Sunbury establishment passing into the hands of the German assistant. In 1854 the Hirsh brothers made their advent in Lancaster. They opened a small store on North Queen street, near Center Square, and there was the modest beginning of the extensive millinery and notion store of A. Hirsh. The place extended but half way through to Market Place, and one-half the front was occupied by another dealer. In this contracted space they began business, and soon afterward obtained the adjoining storeroom, which they fitted up as a clothing store. Their business rapidly increased to large proportions, and in 1857 they were able to purchase the Griel property, which they had rented. In 1861 they bought from John Farnum the property on the northwest corner of Center Square and North Queen street, extending it through to Market Place. In November of the same year they sold to Jacob Bowers the rear portion of this property for \$8,000. In 1884 they bought the property back for \$20,000, their expanding business demanding more room. The building was entirely remodeled to meet the wants of their trade. All



the partitions were taken out and each floor thrown into one room, the principal salesroom extending from North Queen street to Market Place, new fronts were put in, and the entire building was admirably heated and ventilated. From the ground up it is stocked with an immense amount of clothing, uncut cloth and men's furnishing goods. Before these improvements were made to the corner building equally extensive improvements were made on the Griel property. It had been extended through to Market Place, and the entire ground floor thrown into one large salesroom for the millinery, jewelry and fancy goods trade, the upstairs rooms being stocked with an extensive assortment of miscellaneous merchandise. The original firm of Hirsh Brothers, consisting of Abraham, Herman and Leopold Hirsh, was dissolved in 1874, Abraham Hirsh taking the millinery department, and Herman and Leopold taking up the clothing department, under the name of Hirsh Brothers. Leopold Hirsh died Dec. 1, 1901, at his home in Philadelphia.

Abraham Hirsh continued in the millinery business until 1890, and in 1900 disposed of the jewelry business, retiring at that time from active life. His was the guiding hand for this extensive business in its earlier days, and he was known as a shrewd and keen business man, his success well attesting his reputation in that respect. Personally he is an affable and courteous gentleman, and he has been one of the most enterprising men of Lancaster since the day of his arrival. He has always been a generous contributor to all the deserving charities of the city, without regard to age, creed or condition.

Mr. Hirsh has owned and controlled a large amount of real estate in Lancaster, both alone and in company with his brothers, and he is still the proprietor of a fine farm, as well as of valuable real estate in the city. He also has good property in the West, and was ever alert for a good business investment. In 1857, in company with his brothers, he established a manufacturing business in Philadelphia, putting on the market a very desirable umbrella, and this business was successfully conducted by them for more than ten years. Abraham Hirsh was one of the promoters and founders of the street railroads of Lancaster, as well as of the Quarryville railroad. He was largely interested in the successful establishment of the Lancaster *Inquirer*.

Mr. Hirsh belongs to the F. & A. M., holding membership in Kensington Lodge, No. 21, and he is one of the oldest members of the Jewish Synagogue in the city of Lancaster, having been its president for the last sixteen years. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, but now supports the Republican party. However, he is not active in party affairs. His residence is at No. 129 North Duke street.

Mr. Hirsh was born June 21, 1827. He married for his first wife Miss Fannie Greenwald, of

Philadelphia, by whom he had four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Leopold, was a successful merchant in McKeesport, Pa., where he died March 21, 1895. David, the second son, is in the tobacco business in New York. Harry, the third son, is in the tobacco trade in Lancaster; he is married and has one child, Fanny. Benjamin, the youngest son, is in the livery business at Lancaster. Celia, the eldest daughter, married Morris Hockhimer, an extensive dealer in wool in Wheeling, W. Va., and has three sons and one daughter, Benjamin, Ellwood, Herbert and Florence. Rosa G., the second daughter, is the wife of Henry Weil, a leading horse dealer of Lancaster, and has one child, Hortense. Estella, the youngest daughter, is the wife of Henry Rider, a wholesale cigar dealer of Lancaster, and has two children, Fanny and Adrian. Mr. Hirsh married for his second wife the widow of Abraham Sussman, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL A. SHELLEY, retired farmer of Rapho township, was born Sept. 27, 1846, on a farm adjoining the one he now occupies, and he still owns it.

Samuel Shelley, his father, died on the old homestead near by the farm of his son in 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was buried on the farm. He married Maria Acker, who was born in 1819, and is still living with a daughter. Samuel Shelley was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church. For years during his life he was a director of schools for his district. The following children were born to him and his wife: Isaac A., a retired farmer of Sporting Hill; Emanuel A., a farmer of Rapho township; Samuel A., whose name opens this sketch; Anna A., wife of Henry Gible, a farmer; Maria A., wife of Daniel Wolgemuth, a farmer; and Aaron A., a farmer of Rapho township. Samuel A. Shelley's grandparents were Abraham and Lizzie (Brandt) Shelley, of Rapho township. The grandfather died at the age of ninety-two years, and his father, also named Abraham, lived to the age of ninety-four. The grandfather on the mother's side was Jacob Acker, of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 23, 1869, Samuel A. Shelley married Miss Fanny A. Erhart, of Lancaster county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. T. Gerherd. To this marriage has come one daughter, Fanny E., now the wife of John B. Hossler, a farmer of Rapho township; they have four children, Jennie S., Clayton S., John S. and Henry S.

Mrs. Samuel A. Shelley was born in Rapho township April 7, 1849, daughter of John and Rebecca (Brubaker) Erhart, of Rapho township. The father is still living on his farm, but the mother died in 1881, at the age of fifty-five years. She is buried in Hernley's Meeting House cemetery. She was of the Mennonite faith. Mr. Erhart retired from farming in 1880. He and his wife had children as follows: Benjamin, a retired farmer of Rapho township; Fanny A., wife of Samuel A. Shelley;





Samuel, a farmer of Rapho township; and Rebecca, who died at the age of thirty-six years. Mrs. Shelley's paternal grandparents were John and Fanny (Rohrer) Erhart, of Lancaster county, of Swiss origin. Her grandparents on her mother's side were John and Anna (Wenger) Brubaker, of Lancaster county.

Samuel A. Shelley remained on his old homestead until 1900, when he retired and moved to his present residence, turning over his former place to his son-in-law. The family are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Shelley votes with the Republican party. He is a prominent man in his district, and is respected and looked up to by all who know him for his many sterling qualities.

SAMUEL F. FREY, senior member of the well known firm of S. F. Frey & Son, furniture dealers and undertakers, at Marietta, is one of the most successful merchants and prominent citizens of Lancaster county. Many of the most prominent citizens of America, to-day, are self-made men—men who through poverty and obscurity have fought their way to prominence and honor. A volume of the biographies of representative men of Lancaster county would indeed be incomplete without a sketch of Samuel F. Frey, who strikingly illustrates the force of well-directed energy, steadfast purpose and persistent effort for the accomplishment of noble results, and the overthrow of those obstacles that beset the progress of the young man who, unaided and alone, combats with life's stern realities.

The Frey family has been long and honorably connected with the history of Pennsylvania, whither the original representatives came from France. They were identified with the Huguenots as early as 1629. Originally the home of the family was in Switzerland, Cantons Aargau and Fribourg having been the ancient cradle of this race. In the old town of Fribourg there are documents proving beyond a doubt the origin of the name of Frey. These records tell that because of the bravery displayed by the chief and his clans of Aargau, and the prominent part they had taken in the victory over Charles the Bold, at Morat, 1476, they were declared "Free" (German "Frei"), were authorized to adopt the name of Frey, and were constituted a free and separate principality in Switzerland.

Abram Frey, great-grandfather of Samuel F., was an ordained clergyman of the Evangelical Association, and was for many years connected with the itinerant service, continuing thus in the Master's cause until called to his reward, at the age of seventy-five years.

Samuel Frey, son of Abram, was born in Union county, Pa., and became a farmer by occupation. In his religious views he followed the faith of his father, joining the Evangelical Association. In politics he was a supporter of the Old-line Whigs. He married Anna Bowman, and they became the parents of two sons, Abram and Samuel, and one daughter, Anna,

who married Abram First, of Harrisburg, Pa.; all are now deceased. Samuel Frey, the father, died in Union county at the age of forty-nine, and his wife passed away at Florin, this county, Jan. 7, 1879, aged seventy-four years.

Rev. Abram Frey, son of Samuel, and father of Samuel F., was born in Union county, Pa., Nov. 14, 1823. He was a man of superior intelligence, and in early life engaged in teaching public school. Feeling called to consecrate his life to the work of God, he became a minister of the Evangelical Association, and filled pulpits at various points in Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, Montgomery and Dauphin counties, continuing thus for eight years, or until his death, from typhoid fever, April 23, 1859, at the age of thirty-six. Besides his ministerial labors he had been extensively engaged in the manufacture of coverlids and counterpanes, and in dealing in wool at Mt. Joy, Lancaster county. These enterprises were managed by Joseph Classley, and were very prosperous until the panic of 1857. The heavy losses sustained then had not been overcome when Rev. Mr. Frey died, so that practically his wife and six children were left with nothing except a small home. On July 3, 1845, Rev. Abram Frey was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fauby, and this union was blessed with three sons and three daughters, as follows: Martha, wife of Joseph Heineman, of Philadelphia; Abram, an artist of note in Washington, D. C.; David, who died at the age of eleven years; Samuel F., whose name opens this sketch; Lizzie, wife of Dr. N. A. Saylor, of Philadelphia; and Emma, wife of O. G. Hull, of Kansas City, Mo. In his political faith the father was a Whig until the disintegration of that party, after which he affiliated with the Republicans. Mrs. Mary (Fauby) Frey, the beloved mother of this family, entered into rest, in New York City, May 5, 1898, at the age of seventy-five.

Abram Frey, son of Rev. Abram, and mentioned in the foregoing as an artist of note, made a trip abroad in 1878, sailing from Philadelphia, on an American Line steamer, April 18, 1878; he made an extended tour, and passed much time in France, and while in Switzerland saw the papers proving the origin of the family name.

Samuel F. Frey was born near Bloomfield, in Juniata township, Perry Co., Pa., Dec. 16, 1852. For some years he was a student in the public schools of Mt. Joy, and for one year was under the instruction of Christian Engle, a most capable instructor, near Mt. Joy. The condition of the family finances made it necessary not only that he support himself, but also that he assist in the care of the family. At the age of sixteen he left school and faced the stern realities of life for himself. On Feb. 1, 1868, he apprenticed himself to Henry S. Myers, of Mt. Joy, to learn the trade of cabinetmaker and undertaker, remaining thus employed for three and one-half years. On Jan. 3, 1872, he went to Marietta, and, finding a suitable opening, at once embraced the opportunity of embarking in business. Through close economy and







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hard work during extra time allotted him during his school days and apprenticeship, he had been able to save \$800. Renting a small cabinet shop and warehouse in the Welchans building, he bought a stock of furniture and funeral supplies. Success rewarded his efforts from the start, and he was obliged to move to larger quarters. In 1887 he purchased the Roath property, in the heart of the business district, and, after tearing down the old buildings, erected a substantial brick structure 50x80 feet, three stories and basement. This commodious building inspired Mr. Frey to hold religious services in it before using it for business purposes. With him, to think is to act, and he at once made known his intentions to the best citizens. His project met with great favor, and after the seats had been arranged a large number of people assembled to consecrate, as it were, the building to the services of God. Rev. A. B. Saylor, pastor of the United Evangelical Church of Mt. Joy, preached the sermon, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hickman, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Marietta.

Mr. Frey now conducts the business under the firm name of S. F. Frey & Son, his son Samuel L. having been admitted as a partner. As a business man Mr. Frey has not confined his interest to his store alone. He has been largely interested in real estate, and owns considerable property in Marietta and Columbia, also being interested in farming in the northern part of the county. With others he started the Marietta Manufacturing Company, and is one of its board of directors, as well as a stockholder in the Marietta Silk Mills, using his efforts to secure the location of same in Marietta. He is an owner of stock and president of the Home Building & Loan Association, and is a director of the First National Bank of Marietta.

Education has no warmer friend in Lancaster county than Samuel F. Frey. In 1897 he was elected school director, and is now serving his fifth year. In 1898 he served as president of the school board, and he was one of the prime movers in the erection of the present modern school building, which is a credit to the town. Mr. Frey has held many positions of trust, and has frequently been called upon to settle up estates, acting as executor and administrator.

In religious affairs the name of Samuel F. Frey is written high as a zealous and disinterested worker in the cause of Christ. He, with a few others, made it possible, in 1896, to build Columbia Grace United Evangelical Church, corner of Locust and Walnut streets, and was the advisory member of the building committee, and the one who helped them bridge over the financial part of the question. They moved forward with undaunted trust and courage, never giving a thought of failure with a man like Mr. Frey by their side, until they were able to make other arrangements and help themselves, and had established confidence in their community and elsewhere, proving that they were a truly devoted, loyal Christian people, and could, and certainly would, accomplish their purpose by the grace and help of their Divine Master.

It was a success. The church was completed, and to-day there is not a more thriving congregation. Mr. Frey is not narrow in his religious work, his sympathies being broad enough to embrace all denominations, and he has assisted financially and otherwise in the upbuilding of a number of other churches. As an example of his untiring efforts may be detailed the establishment of the United Brethren Church of West Marietta, in 1879. Rev. J. M. Leshner (afterward sent as a missionary to Africa) called upon Mr. Frey, and said, in substance: "I am looking for a place to hold services to preach the Gospel, and I think there is room here. I have been informed West Marietta is a very wicked place, and has room for missionary work; that the harvest is ripe, and laborers are needed. I understand there is an M. E. chapel in that part of the town that is seldom used. This is just what I want, if I can get permission to use it. I was directed to you, being a member of the United Brethren faith, and as I need a place to stay when here to preach." Rev. Leshner was misinformed as to Mr. Frey's religious connection, inasmuch as he had been reared in the Evangelical Church, but that was immaterial. He welcomed him into his home, enthusiastically entering into all his plans, and agreeing to assist him as much as was in his power. These two men, armed with faith and led by the Master, wrought wondrous changes in the locality unto which they ministered. Success crowned the cause in the salvation of many precious souls rescued by the routing out of sin and wickedness; the homes were thoroughly changed and sanctified, where the praises of God are now sung. A more radical change was never witnessed, and there are many witnesses living to-day who will be happy to testify to this. Thirty-eight were converted, and united with the church. Not only had Mr. Frey assisted Rev. Mr. Leshner in the spiritual part of this work, but there had to be a place provided for these people to worship regularly undisturbed. They were rich in courage, and in the spring of 1880 arrangements were made to purchase the M. E. chapel, Mr. Frey giving his own personal obligation as security for the payment. After a few years the debt was wiped out, and the church marched triumphantly forward without the aid of outside help. The following was contributed by Rev. William Yenser, pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, Marietta: "In church work Mr. Frey is as active and thorough as in business, and his activities are not confined to any particular part of church work, but embrace all its departments. This activity in church life is supplemented by an unstinted generosity, which is exercised not only in behalf of his own denomination and congregation but which is as freely given to Christ's church of other denominations, he having very generously aided other congregations in their need, one of which was our own congregation, and especially at this present time, in the building of our new church." In religious faith, as noted above, Mr. Frey clings to the faith of his fathers—the Evangelical As-





sociation,—now known as the United Evangelical Church.

On Sept. 5, 1876, Samuel F. Frey was united in marriage with Miss Anna H. Longnecker, eldest daughter of Rev. John B. Longnecker, of the Old Brethren in Zion, now located in Florin, this county. Five children blessed this union: Samuel L., who was educated in Albright College, and now, fully equipped for business, is his father's partner, and is adding a strong progressive spirit to the firm; Anna and Myra, both students at Albright College; and Cora and Willbur, at home. Politically Mr. Frey is a Republican. The success that has attended his efforts has been richly merited, and his industry, integrity and perseverance make him an example well worthy of emulation.

JACOB K. HERR, who entered into rest July 17, 1902, was a son of Jacob Herr, who, in his lifetime, was one of the representative men of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, and who was born in Manor township, this county.

Jacob K. Herr resided on the farm his father purchased in 1869, some years before his death. It contains seventy-six acres, lying just south of Hollinger, and is one of the choice and model farms of Lancaster county, attracting attention by its neat condition and thorough cultivation. Before his death Jacob Herr put up a fine barn, and his son also made many valuable improvements.

Jacob K. Herr took a lively interest in the general welfare of his community, and was always responsive to any proposition that affected the public good, being ever ready to assist in any enterprise that looked to the advancement of his section. At his death he was aged fifty-one years, eleven months and twenty-two days.

Jacob K. Herr was married, Feb. 20, 1896, to Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Lydia Zercher. Mrs. Herr was born in West Lampeter township.

WILLIAM J. BELL, who since 1885 has been one of the efficient and trusted conductors on the great Pennsylvania railroad, is a native of Columbia, born Jan. 4, 1853. His parents were William and Mary (Welsh) Bell, natives of Ireland, from which country they came when young. William Bell was a carpenter by trade, and would undoubtedly have accumulated means, but he fell a victim to the cholera in July, 1854, when but forty years of age. William was bereft of his mother in November of the same year. They left a family of six children, only two of whom yet survive, James (a mechanic of Harrisburg) and William J. The others were: Anna, who married Michael Baumberger; Maggie, who married Jonas Leas; and Thomas and Mary, who died in infancy.

Bereft of both parents, William J. Bell, when a child, was taken by his kind aunt, Ellen Supplee, to her home in Montgomery county, Pa., where he grew up engaged in healthful exercise on a farm

until he was sixteen years old. At that date he went to Philadelphia, and served an apprenticeship at the painter's trade, which he followed until 1877, when he came to Columbia and was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad as a brakeman until 1882; he then served as flagman until 1885, when he received his promotion to conductor. Mr. Bell gained this position by proving his reliability, and receives, as he deserves, the confidence of his employers and the respect of the community.

Mr. Bell was married, April 22, 1879, in Columbia, to Miss Sally Adams, and to this union have been born seven children, the two youngest, John and Emil, passing out of life while young; the others are: William, who is a member of Company C, 4th Militia; Margie; Frederick; Harry; and Sarah. Mrs. Bell was born in 1862, daughter of John M. Adams, and a sister of Frederick Adams, of Columbia.

Politically Mr. Bell is connected with the Republican party, and socially with the orders of Railway Conductors and the P. R. Relief. He has long been associated with St. John's Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL SNYDER (deceased) was a reliable and progressive farmer in Leacock township, Lancaster county. He was born in Harritstown, Paradise township, March 26, 1844, and died on the farm where his widow and sons are now living, Dec. 18, 1898. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with Christ Church in Leacock township.

Samuel Snyder was a son of Aaron and Hannah (Fenninger) Snyder, his father being a native of Germany, and his mother of Paradise township. The father died in 1864, at the age of sixty-one; and the mother in 1879, at the age of sixty-one. They were members of Christ Church, and were buried in the cemetery of that church. Their children were as follows: Sarah, who died at the age of forty-eight unmarried; Elizabeth, widow of John Slaymaker, and living at Gap, Pa.; Joanna, widow of Adam Groff, and residing in Lancaster; Jane, who lives unmarried in Lancaster, as does her sister, Rebecca; and Hannah, who married J. P. Herman, of Gordonville, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Snyder was married Jan. 7, 1874, to Anna M. Slack, of Leacock township. To them have come the following children: Elizabeth prepared herself for teaching by taking a course at the Millersville State Normal, and has now taught very successfully in the home schools for eight years; Anna R. died when a year old; John S. and J. Aaron, both single, operate the home place for the heirs of their father's estate. Mrs. Anna M. (Slack) Snyder was born in Leacock township, and is a sister of H. Slack.

Samuel Snyder came to the present farm home of his family in 1890, removing from Paradise township, where he had held the position of supervisor two years. He and his wife were members



of Christ Church, in Leacock township, where he had held the position of warden, and was a vestryman. In his politics he was a Democrat. In his earlier life he was a cabinet maker, but in 1870 turned to farming, spending the rest of his life in that vocation. Very successful in all his undertakings, he became quite well-to-do, and reared a family whose useful lives and high character do credit to his watchful care.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STAUFFER**, insurance man, who is the district special agent of the great Northwestern Life Insurance Company, and also manager of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Coatesville, is one of the best-known and most successful men in his line in Lancaster county. Although still a young man, he has so thoroughly grasped the details of the insurance business that he has become an example to others who have spent a lifetime in the same.

Mr. Stauffer was born in Manor township March 30, 1861, son of Jacob and Maria K. (Forrey) Stauffer, both of whom were born in Manor township, in which are located the old family homesteads of both the Stauffer and the Forrey families. The father died in 1896 in Washington borough, after a retirement of one and one-half years, at the age of sixty-seven, and was laid away in the old Mennonite cemetery at the Habecker Meeting House. His active years had been spent as a farmer and drover. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a man who won the respect of the entire community. The mother, who was born in 1830, resides in Washington. The children of this union were as follows: John J., who died in infancy, as did also Daniel; Enma, who married Joseph K. Shultz, of Washington; Benjamin Franklin; Albert F., who is a farmer of Washington; Elizabeth, who married Martin Strickler; Harry F., deceased; Milton F., who is professor of the short-hand department in Temple College, Philadelphia; Isaiah, who died in infancy; and Kate F., who resides with her mother. The older generation was represented by John Stauffer, who married a Charles, both coming of old families of Manor township.

Until the age of seventeen Benjamin Franklin Stauffer remained upon the farm where he had been born and reared, and then became a student in the State Normal School at Millersville, and, being unusually studious, he was able at the age of eighteen to accept a position as teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county. Until 1883 he alternated teaching and attendance at the Normal, where, in that year, he was graduated. His success in insurance lines has been very gratifying, and since 1898, when the business of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company was placed in his hands, he has found little time to look after other interests. Since assuming control of the latter business in this locality he has placed nearly \$2,000,000 in risks.

Although not a politician in the usual meaning

of the term, Mr. Stauffer is a Republican and always does a citizen's duty. His connection with the Lutheran Church has lasted through many years. On July 5, 1893, Mr. Stauffer was married to Miss M. Grace Jackson, and two daughters have been born to this union, Kathryn M. and Sara M. Mrs. Stauffer was born in Columbia in February, 1873, daughter of Newton and Sarah (Albright) Jackson, of Pequea and West Hempfield townships, respectively, now residents of Columbia. Mr. Jackson being a foreman in the roundhouse of the Pennsylvania railroad. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were: John W., of Columbia; William K., who is a clerk in the Custom House in Philadelphia; and M. Grace, Mrs. Stauffer.

**MRS. ANNA B. WITHERS**. The name of the most estimable lady of whom this short biography is given, carries with it through Eden township the weight of public confidence and high esteem. Her high Christian character, her devotion to her church, and her numberless charities and acts of neighborly kindness have made her not only beloved by her immediate family, but most kindly and affectionately regarded through the whole community.

Anna B. Withers was born in Lampeter township, this county, Nov. 26, 1821, the estimable daughter of John and Fannie (Erb) Bireley, an old and leading family of this county. John Bireley, the father of Mrs. Withers, married into the prominent Erb family, Miss Fannie Erb belonging to one of the best known families of the county. After marriage they settled in Leacock township, on a farm, remaining there until his death, and his widow also died there, the children, besides Mrs. Withers, being as follows: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Good, of Lancaster county; Leah was the wife of William Good, deceased, of Leacock township; John became a brave soldier and served his country through the Civil war, later married Leah Yoder, of this county, and they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in which city he died, leaving a widow and children; Susan, who was born in this county, is the wife of Reuben Clampson, who is a resident of Ohio, and they have a family; Fannie, born in this county, is the deceased wife of Thomas Wright, and lived in Eden township at the date of her death, when she left two children, Jeremiah and Annie; and Mary, now deceased, married David Graham, of this county, and her death left nine children motherless, namely: David, George, William, Samuel, John, Joseph, Leah (the wife of John McGriggan, deceased), Lizzie (widow of Amos Shisley) and Mary (wife of George Struble, of this county).

Mrs. Withers grew up in her pleasant country home with her brothers and sisters, and was educated in the public schools of her neighborhood. In February, 1849, she was united in marriage to Abraham Herr, of this county, and they settled on





the present home farm, in Eden township, where the father of Mr. Herr had started in life himself. Three years later Mr. Herr died, and his bereaved widow was left with one son, Abraham B., who died in childhood. The second marriage of Mrs. Withers occurred in 1859, when she was united to Augustus Withers, a prominent and wealthy business man of Lancaster county, who was the founder of the Mount Eden furnaces. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Withers settled on the present farm, and here Mr. Withers engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, Oct. 25, 1868. Again was this estimable lady bereaved, but four children remained as her comfort and stay. These were: John B., born in October, 1860, married Miss Sallie Hall, and they reside in Hanover, York county, where he is successfully engaged in conducting a hotel, and has one son, Howard; Thomas A., born in this home, in November, 1861, married Miss Lizzie Hall, who was a sister to the wife of his brother, and their residence is in Lancaster City, where he is manager of the County Bending Works, and his seven living children are Jessie, Charles, Bertha, Mable, Jennie, Hazel and Grace; Mary H., born Dec. 17, 1862, and grew to womanhood in the old home, being well educated in the public schools, and in 1880 she was married to Joseph S. Groff, of Colerain township; and Howard H., born Oct. 2, 1865, is still unmarried, and follows railroading.

Joseph S. Groff was a son of John and Ellen Groff, the family being long a prominent one in Lancaster county. He and his family now reside at the Withers home, where they have the care and management of Mrs. Withers' farm. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Groff are: John A., born in May, 1881, married Anna Strimbel, of Eden township, and they reside in Quarryville, where he is engaged as a barber, and they have one son, Howard; Eva B., born in August, 1884, is a student in Weidler's Business College, Lancaster City; Earl, born in October, 1888, is also a student; and Clyde, born Oct. 1, 1890.

Augustus Withers was born in Lancaster county Sept. 12, 1807, a son of John and Hannah (Henderson) Withers, who at an early date came from Germany and settled in Lancaster county. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, these being: Augustus; John, deceased, who was associated with his brother in the founding of the great industry of this township, known as the Eden furnaces, his death occurring in Virginia; William, who died in Lancaster county; Thomas, who died in the city of Williamsport, in this State; and Hannah, who died unmarried.

Mr. Withers was educated for a professional life, starting out upon what promised to be a successful medical career, but failing health made it necessary for him to give up the practice of medicine and turn his attention to other lines. As a business man he became very successful, and the flourishing industry of which he was was the founder lives as a rec-

ord and testimonial to his energy and sagacity. In politics Mr. Withers was long one of the leading Republicans of this section, and was active in the interests of his party. His devotion to the Episcopal Church was a marked feature of his life, and there he was highly valued as a most worthy and consistent Christian.

Mrs. Withers and her family are equally devoted to the Lutheran Church, in which she has been active through many years, and where she is a liberal supporter of charitable enterprises and mission work. Perhaps no individual in the township has more personal friends than this very lovable and estimable lady.

WILLIAM MABLE, who died in Columbia at the comparatively early age of fifty-four, was an Englishman by birth, having first opened his eyes in Northumberland, England, May 28, 1830. His father was christened John, and his mother's maiden name was Isabella Hendry. John Mable was a tenant farmer, and a staunch Calvinist. Several of his children settled in County Antrim, Ireland, and the history of the family is full of interest.

To John and Isabella Mable were born seven children, of whom William was the third in the order of birth. Margaret, the eldest daughter, married Alexander Henderson, and died in England. Thomas is a farmer in Ireland. Isabella died in Ireland, unmarried. Mary married Thomas Moore, and also passed from life in the Emerald Isle. The two younger sons, John and George, both emigrated to this country. The first named is a mechanic living in Columbia, and the other a merchant residing in Marietta.

William Mable passed his early years in farming in both England and Ireland. In 1849, then a young man of thirty years, he crossed the ocean, finding his way to Wisconsin, where he found employment on a farm. At the expiration of four years he returned to Ireland to claim his promised bride, Margaret Miller. They were married Jan. 7, 1853, and crossed the water together, to seek a common fortune in a strange land. They settled in Columbia, and young William, then strong and sturdy, went to work in an iron furnace. Two years later failing health compelled him to quit active work, and he continued an invalid until the time of his death.

His widow, Margaret (Miller) Mable, is still living. Some seven years before her husband's death, in 1886, she opened a grocery store in Columbia, in the conduct of which (her youngest son, John, acting as manager) she has been fairly successful. She has but one other child, a daughter, Margaret, who is unmarried and resides at home, but is now visiting relatives abroad. Mrs. Mable was born in County Antrim, Ireland, May 25, 1844. Her paternal grandparents were James and Rachel (Bowman) Miller, of Scotland. James was a farmer, and died in County Antrim, Ireland. Her





mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Service, was a daughter of William Service and Margaret Stewart. Her father died in January, 1892, after completing his eighty-second year. Her mother survived him until April, 1900, when she, too, fell asleep, after attaining the extraordinary age of ninety-one years. Her grandfather, William Service, died of old age, in his ninety-ninth year. She is the third child of a large family, the others being named William, Rachel, James, Samuel, John and Robert. William is a merchant in Ballymena, Ireland. Rachel is the widow of William Moore, of Belfast. James and Samuel are farmers in County Antrim, Ireland. John is the manager of a quarry in County Down. Robert, who was at one time a merchant at Antrim, is deceased.

**AMOS BOWMAN.** Among the worthy and representative citizens of Lancaster county is Amos Bowman, who lives a retired life on his fine farm of sixty acres, situated one mile east of Lampeter, in West Lampeter township. He was born in Providence township Sept. 25, 1849, a son of Rev. Henry and Mary (Baer) Bowman.

Rev. Henry Bowman was but twenty-eight years of age when he was chosen a minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and from that time until his death faithfully officiated in the capacity of minister and bishop. He was thrice married; his first wife, Elizabeth Weaver, bore him one son, Jacob. By his second wife, Susannah Weaver, he became the father of the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Trout; Annie and John, deceased; Esther (Hettie), deceased wife of Christian Kreider; and Henry, deceased. For his third wife Rev. Bowman married Mrs. Mary (Baer) Brenne-man, widow of Jacob Brenne-man. Two sons blessed this union, Frank and Amos.

Amos Bowman was reared in Providence township, and was educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-eight years of age he engaged in farming operations in East Lampeter township, where he remained for one year, and then in 1868 purchased his present farm of Abraham Herr. Many valuable and permanent improvements have been made to this farm, and now all its surroundings testify to the thrift and excellent management of its owner. For many years he was well-known in the affairs of the township, but since 1870 has not taken an active part in either farming or public matters, enjoying the ease of ample means.

In 1867 Amos Bowman married Barbara Weaver, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Stelman) Weaver, the former of whom was a minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church. No children have been born to Amos Bowman and wife, but they gave parental care and affection to two little sisters, Emma and Catherine Sloat, whom they reared to maturity, and who now have homes of their own, Emma having married Rohrer Snively, of New Danville; and Catherine, G. H. Shirtz, of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are most hospitable people, and none in the county possess the esteem of their neighbors in a higher degree. They are both active workers in the Reformed Mennonite church.

Rev. Joseph Weaver, father of Mrs. Bowman, was born on the old Weaver homestead in West Lampeter township, and is a direct descendant of the founder of the family who settled in this country in 1711. Rev. Joseph Weaver was born April 5, 1792, and for many years was a devoted and valued minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church in Lancaster county. Early in life he was a farmer, but later devoted his entire time to ministerial work and to the upbuilding of the Church. His was a beautiful Christian character, and all who came within his influence were benefited. He married first, Barbara Baer, and their children were: Isaac, Ephraim, Jacob and Eliza, all deceased; and Mary and Susannah, living. For his second wife Rev. Weaver wedded Esther Stelman, a daughter of John Stelman, of Strasburg township, and two children were born of this marriage: Barbara A. and Annie E., who is the wife of John S. Kurtz, of Lancaster City.

**LEVI MOHLER.** Among the substantial retired agriculturists of Lancaster county, no one is better or more favorably known than Levi Mohler, who owns and occupies the old homestead which was established by the founder of the American branch of the family five generations ago.

Ludwig Mohler, the Swiss ancestor of the Mohler family, came to the United States as early as 1730, and here founded a family which has given many many sons and blooming daughters to the State of Pennsylvania, their descendants having settled throughout this and many of the neighboring States.

John Mohler, the father of Levi Mohler, was born in 1786, and about 1814 married Salome Gline, and they reared nine children: Amanda, born in 1816, married Harry Keller; Cyrus, born in 1819; John, born in 1820; Frederick, born in 1823; Levi, born in 1824; Reuben, born in 1826; Saloma, born in 1828; Isaac, born in 1830; and Samuel, born in 1835.

Levi Mohler, the subject of this biography, was born Oct. 25, 1824, and has had a busy although a quiet life. Pursuing farming exclusively, he has become possessed of large means, owning two of the finest farms in Lancaster county, one of these containing one hundred acres, and the other seventy-two acres, both of these being finely improved. In 1852 he was married to Miss Magdalena Bitzer, the estimable daughter of John and Elizabeth (Royer) Bitzer, and to this union five children were born: Elizabeth, born in 1852, married Nathan Fahnestock; Solomon, born in 1855, died in childhood; Louisa, born in 1857, died in girlhood; Fianna, born in 1859, married William J. Echert, of Berks county, Pa.; and John, born Feb. 1, 1862.



John Mohler married Jane Dinger, of Lebanon county, Pa., and manages the home place for his father, his family of children bearing these names: Lizzie, Alice, Levi, Urias, Ida, Emma, Hiram and Allen.

In politics our subject is a staunch Republican, and has long been a prominent member of the German Baptist Church. His declining years are spent in peace and contentment, esteemed and respected by the community, and he well represents the law abiding, upright citizens of which Lancaster county has cause to feel proud.

**GEORGE BOWMAN BRESSLER**, alderman of the Fifth ward, Lancaster, bears the name of a noted Methodist divine, and belongs to an old and influential family in his part of the State. He is the fourth George in the family since its settlement in America.

George Bressler, his grandfather, was born at Strasburg, this county, son of a native-born German who came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. George Bressler was a farmer, and a man of character and standing.

C. H. Bressler, father of George B., of Lancaster, was born in Mill Hall, Clinton county, Pa. After receiving a thorough elementary education he determined to take up the study of medicine and surgery, for that purpose entering the office of the late Dr. Washington L. Atlee; the late Dr. Henry Mellinger was also a student under Dr. Atlee at the same time. C. H. Bressler was graduated from Jefferson Medical College with the degree of M. D., and from 1839 to 1849 practiced medicine in Lancaster. Finally becoming associated with the late Dr. Ely Parry, one of Lancaster's most noted dentists (father of Dr. H. B. Parry, the East King street druggist), and becoming himself proficient in dentistry, Dr. Bressler took up that branch in connection with surgery, removed to Center county, and in 1854 to York county, where he built up a very extensive practice in both lines. Dr. Bressler was an ardent Republican politically, and at one time was a candidate for Congressional honors, and later appeared on the State Republican ticket as a candidate for Congressman at large. In 1866 he was commissioned by Gov. Curtin sheriff of York county, to fill a vacancy. A devout Methodist, few stood higher in the estimation of his associates in the Church than did this zealous Christian gentleman.

Dr. Bressler married Miss Sarah A. Tonner, daughter of Rev. John N. Tonner, of the Methodist Church, who died at Canton, Ohio. Eight children were born of this union, seven of whom are living: Dr. John T., a dentist of Shepherdstown, Cumberland county; George B., mentioned below; Emma Barnett and Clara V., of York; Dr. Wilbur C., a dentist of York; Andrew Curtin, a traveling salesman of York; and Ella M., at home. The father of this family died in February, 1894, at the

age of seventy-four years; and the mother died in 1868, when thirty-eight years old.

George Bowman Bressler was born in Bellefonte, Center county, April 23, 1851. He was partially educated in the public schools of York, and after leaving the city schools took an academic course. When only fourteen years of age he tried to enlist in the Union army, at Harrisburg. The officer in command of the station, seeing that young Bressler, though much under age, was bright and trusty, made him a clerk at the recruiting station, where he remained until the close of the war. When he was seventeen years of age he became an apprentice at printing in the office of the *True Democrat*, at York, and in 1870 came to Lancaster to enter the employ of Pearsol & Geist, proprietors of the *Express*, where he remained until his entrance upon a clerkship in the post office in 1874, under Postmistress Hager. At a later period he became a letter carrier, but he was thrown out of service by a change in the National administration. After working for some time in the Lancaster Watch Works Mr. Bressler became a grocer, in the fall of 1885.

In 1892 Mr. Bressler was elected an alderman on the Republican ticket, from the Fifth ward of Lancaster, and so satisfactory was his administration of the duties of that position that in 1897 he was again elected, without opposition, and he was again honored with re-election in 1902.

George B. Bressler was married, Aug. 13, 1874, to Miss Eleanor Henry, daughter of the late Benjamin Henry, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Lancaster. To this marriage three children have been born: Eleanor, wife of W. Hayes Farley, a jeweler of Lock Haven; Charles H., at home; and Anna L., wife of William E. Dietz, of Sutton, West Virginia.

Mr. Bressler, like his father, is devotedly attached to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Lodge of Perfection.

**SAMUEL H. BOYD**. Among the well-known business men of Columbia of established reputations is the present tax collector of that borough, Samuel H. Boyd, who for the past twenty years has been elected annually to that responsible position. A more direct evidence of general public esteem and confidence it would be difficult to find. Mr. Boyd was born in Columbia Aug. 20, 1850, son of John and Elizabeth (Stanley) Boyd, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. His paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Fisher) Boyd. The grandmother, a native of Columbia, died a victim of cholera. The maternal grandparents of Samuel H. were James and Catherine (Hinkle) Stanley, of York county, Pennsylvania.

John Boyd, father of Samuel H., was a life-long railroad man. For many years he was keeper of the warehouse at Columbia for Leach and for the Penn-





sylvania lines. He died in 1871, aged fifty-five years. His wife died in 1865, aged forty-five years. Both were buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Five children were born to them, namely: Mary A., who married David Welsh, of Columbia, died Dec. 29, 1902; James, deceased; Ella, wife of Dr. H. V. Gress, of York county, Pa.; Catharine, widow of Joshua T. Hughes, of Columbia, who was killed at the Electric Railroad plant during a cyclone in that borough in May, 1896; and Samuel H.

Samuel H. Boyd, the youngest of the family, has been a life-long resident of Columbia, and a life-long resident of the home he now occupies. He received a good education in the public schools, and in the earlier years of his manhood he entered the railroad service, for twelve years being employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in caring for the ware house at Columbia. In 1880 he was appointed tax collector by the school board of Columbia, and has been elected each term since, filling the duties of the office in a businesslike and satisfactory manner to the people of Columbia, and with credit to himself.

In politics Mr. Boyd is a Republican. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Prominent in the fraternal orders of the borough, he is an active member of the I. O. O. F. of Columbia, and of the A. O. M. P. of Ridgely. Mr. Boyd has evinced excellent business qualities through life and possesses a good competence in consequence.

**GEORGE W. BIRELEY.** One of the leading men of Eden township, who has been prominently identified with the best interests of Lancaster county all his life, and who, now in his declining years, enjoys the high regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, is George W. Bireley, a retired farmer, who was one of the loyal citizens who fought for his country's flag during the Civil war.

Mr. Bireley was born in Leacock township, this county, July 6, 1835, a son of George and Mary (Kunkle) Bireley, both of whom were born in Strasburg, in this county, the former in 1807, and the latter in 1813.

George Bireley, the grandfather of our subject, came of German ancestry, and Revolutionary stock. He settled in Strasburg, engaged in farming, and provided well for his three sons, John, who settled in Leacock township as a farmer, and died many years ago, leaving a family; Jacob, who settled for a time in Leacock township, later moving near Lancaster City, where he engaged in farming all his life, and left a family at his death; and George, the last named being the father of our subject.

George Bireley, son of George, and father of George W., settled in Leacock township, later moved to Strasburg, where he lived until 1859, and then removed to Chester county, in this State, making his home with his son, George W., who was living there at that time, returning with him to Eden township after the war, and lived with him until his death in 1886. He married Mary Kunkle, daughter of Hen-

ry Kunkle, of English parentage. She shared with him all the hardships of pioneer life, and survived until March, 1901, dying in Chester county, at the home of her son Zacheus, at the age of ninety years. These parents were blessed with seven manly sons, and one daughter, namely: (1) Christiana, born in 1828, in Lancaster county, married James Shields, a native of Ireland, and after marriage they settled in Leacock township, where she soon died, leaving one daughter, Mary J., a telegraph operator in Harrisburg. (2) Henry, born in Lancaster county, in 1830, married Maggie Hoover, of Chester county, and they reside in Sadsbury township. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to the call for soldiers, and after his return from serving his enlistment, he was made marshal of this district, and efficiently served as such until the close of the war, when he settled in Bart township, where he lived until the time of his death; his wife died some years later. (3) George W. is mentioned below. (4) Daniel, born in 1840, also offered his services to his country, enlisting in the 79th P. V. I., under Col. Hambright, of Lancaster, served three years, and then, re-enlisting, he filled out the period until the close of the war. At the battle of Chattanooga he and six others were all that remained of a company of one hundred men, and he took part in many other severe engagements, returning home, however, in safety. He married Caroline Kerley, of Strasburg, and they settled in Lancaster county, but later removed to Kansas City, Mo., where they still reside and have a numerous family. (5) Jacob M., born in Lancaster county, in 1842, also came forward, like his brothers, and offered his life to his country in the trying days of 1861. After a service of three years he too re-enlisted and remained in the service until the close of the war, and participated in all of the battles in which his regiment took part, until near the end, when he was taken sick, was sent home and died soon after, as much a martyr as if killed on the field of battle. (6) Winfield Scott and (7) Zachary Taylor, twins, born in 1846, both enlisted for service in the Civil war, when less than sixteen years of age, entering Co. D, 203d P. V. I., at Camp Cadwallader, Philadelphia, but Winfield died in a hospital at Wilmington, N. C. Taylor served through the war, participating in many hard-fought battles and returned with so honorable a record that he has been State marshal since. After his return he was married to Emma Steel, of this county, and they reside in Chester county. Their children are: Annie, wife of William Clinton, of Chester county; Clara, wife of Thomas Hilton; Cora, wife of Frank Hilton; Winnifred; John B.; Marshall; and Roy. (8) William T., born in Lancaster county, was a soldier through the Civil war, belonging to the 122nd P. V. C., and from three enlistments had three honorable discharges. He, too, survived the dangers of war, and after his return was married to Mary Steel, of this county, and they settled in Eden township, where his death oc-



curred in 1801, leaving a widow and family who are residents of Chester county, the children being Lillie, who married Howard Alexander, of Chester county, and has two children, Bertie and Robert; Susan, who married Newton McGinnis, and has one son, William; George D. and Benjamin F., both unmarried, and both residents of Chester.

George W. Bireley, of this biography, was reared in the midst of a home where was taught industry and loyalty. His education was acquired in the district schools, and when his age warranted his engaging in work he soon found employment in the county in quarrying and lime burning. At that date this work was very extensively carried on in his locality. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Sarah J. Hoover, the estimable daughter of Mathias and Anna Hoover, prominent farming people of Chester county. Mrs. Bireley was born in 1835, and grew up in Lancaster county.

That George W. Bireley was roused to patriotic action when the call came for soldiers to defend his country, did not surprise those who knew him best. He became a member of Co. D, 203d P. V. I., and he took part in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated, until he was seriously wounded at Wilmington, N. C., and was placed in a hospital, where he remained until the close of the war. He also suffered from rheumatism and lumbago, as a result of the exposure and hardships endured in that great struggle.

At enlistment Mr. Bireley left his wife and two children in Chester county, and he returned there, but soon after removed to Eden and remained there until in 1890, when he purchased the Eden Furnace property. Mr. Bireley has been held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens for a long period, this being proven by his election for a season of sixteen years as supervisor of Eden township, while he has also efficiently served as county and school tax collector, and for nine years as county and township tax collector. Politically he is an ardent and active member of the Republican party.

In June, 1879, occurred the death of Mrs. Bireley, at which time she left five children, Anna M., born in Chester county, in May, 1860, who married Henry Wolf, of this county, and they reside in Eden township, their five children being Daniel J., George W., Lizzie S., Henry, Lena; and Daniel J., born Feb. 3, 1862, in Chester county, who married Sallie Hagan, of this county, and they reside on his father's homestead, and their two children are Letta I. and Dora M.; Barbara A., born in December, 1866, in this county, is the wife of Harry Frackman, of Georgetown, and their four children are Annie, Jennie, Virgie and Etna; Lydia P., born in July, 1870, is the wife of George Gaul, a farmer of Eden township, and their three children are Hilda, Enos and Myrtle; and Iva H., born in September, 1872, is the wife of William Althaus, a resident of Paradise township, and their two children are Walter and Earl.

On Dec. 29, 1881, Mr. Bireley was married to

Augusta Louisa Kemmerly, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of Franklin and Christiana S. Kemmerly. The family came to America from Germany in 1802. Mrs. Bireley was born in Germany Aug. 3, 1860, and she grew to fair young womanhood and was educated in this county. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Catherine E., born in April, 1886; George H., born in August, 1888; Winfield S., born in April, 1891; and Agnes L., born June 9, 1895.

Few families in the country, and surely none in Lancaster county testified to their loyal love of country as did the honored one of which our subject is a member. Fitting, indeed, was it that the G. A. R. Post of this locality should be named in his honor, and that of the brave young brother who lost his life in the cause of his country. Mr. Bireley has taken a deep interest in this noble organization, and has been honored as its commander. Entirely aside from his war record, Mr. Bireley has won the confidence and esteem of the community by his honorable life, his public-spirit, and the interest and enterprise he has always shown in the advancement of his section and people. Both he and wife are leading members of the Lutheran Church, where he is a liberal supporter and regular attendant.

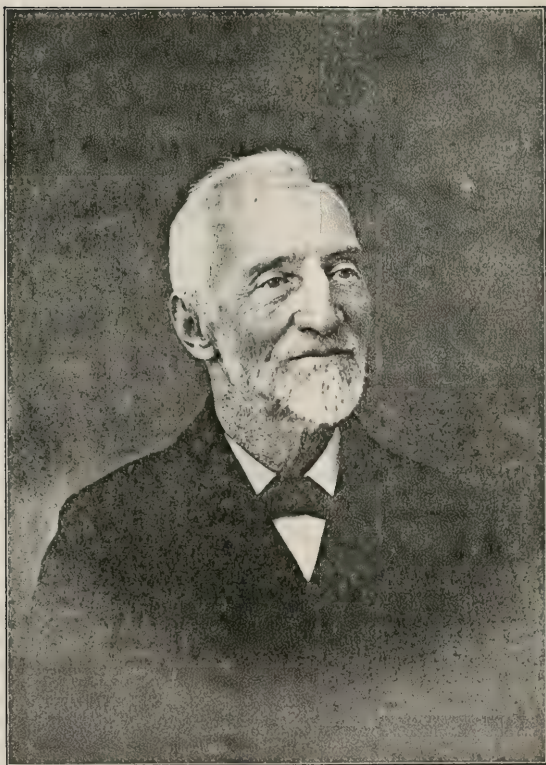
Mr. Bireley met with a misfortune in 1892 which has caused untold regret to his many friends. By accident he received a gun shot wound in the foot, which has necessitated his use of crutches, but it is the fervent hope of friends and acquaintances that time may remedy or mitigate the injury. Few men are more universally popular than is George W. Bireley of Eden township.

**BENJAMIN P. MILLER.** For nearly thirty years this well known retired merchant of Lancaster was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade in that city. He established the business, which under his supervision grew and prospered. Late in the afternoon of life himself and business partner transferred the valuable business to their sons and retired from active life. The career of Mr. Miller has been such that he is entitled to great credit. Handicapped in his early life by ill health, yet filled with determination, he did best that work which lay before him, changing the nature of his employment as he found it overtaxing his strength, until, in the creation of the wholesale house now so well and widely known, he found the vocation which has yielded adequate reward to his intelligence and well-directed application.

Mr. Miller was born in Lancaster April 2, 1827, son of Martin and Elizabeth (Mylin) Miller, early residents of Lancaster county, and was but a year and a half old when his father died. When a child of ten years he removed with his mother from Lancaster to a farm in Rockhill, where he remained two years. He then attended school at Lancaster for two and a half years, after which he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. Owing to ill health he abandoned that trade a few years later, and embarked in







Benny P. Miller <sup>Esq</sup>





1835 in business as a retail grocer at Lancaster, continuing thus until 1865. The confinement incident to that business also in time proved unfavorable to his health. He had conducted the store successfully for ten years, and after traveling some time, selling groceries, he engaged in business at Lancaster as a wholesale grocer. Two years later he admitted to partnership John I. Hartman, and for nearly thirty years the firm was prominently connected with the commercial interests of Lancaster. Wishing to see the business continued after their prospective retirement, their sons were thoroughly taught the details of the expanded trade, so that in the year 1895 the business was surrendered to them. Mr. Miller's business judgment is keen and accurate, his knowledge and interest in public affairs broad and thorough, and as one of the most prominent citizens of Lancaster he is held in the highest esteem by his numerous business and social friends and by all who know him.

Mr. Miller married, at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1862, Miss Mary C., daughter of Frederick Miller; she died April 5, 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born seven children, two sons and five daughters, namely: Ella L.; Charles A., wholesale grocer at Lancaster, who married, in January, 1892, Mrs. Jennie Gardner, and has one child, Mary; Ora, who married, Oct. 5, 1893, David S. Widmeyer, furniture dealer and undertaker, of Lancaster, and has one son, John Henry; Mary; Benjamin P., Jr.; Mabel G., who married, Oct. 20, 1901, Christian Engle; and Edna M. In religious affiliation Mr. Miller is an old and prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, having joined the church in 1854. He has served as town councilman for two years, being elected by the Republicans. In early life he belonged to the I. O. O. F.

OLIVER CROMWELL BALMER, the genial and successful manager of the Lancaster city office of the Western Union Telegraph office, is a native of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, and comes of a long and useful line of manly and sturdy people. His ancestors were French Huguenots, who sought a refuge on these shores from bitter persecution, and have always been a hardy and long-lived race. Elizabeth (Haybecker) Balmer, the grandmother of Oliver C., attained the venerable age of ninety-five years. Samuel Balmer, his grandfather, was a school teacher and a contracting carpenter. His brother, Daniel Balmer, served the State as member of the Legislature many years ago.

William Henry Harrison Balmer, father of Oliver Cromwell, now resides at Carnegie, Pa. He was for many years a druggist and merchant of Elizabethtown, this county. He married Martha, daughter of Mrs. Daniel Shank, living near Elizabethtown, and to this union were born five children, four of whom are living: Samuel H., shipping clerk of the Steelton Flour Mill Co., Steelton, Pa.; Oliver C., at Lancaster; Elizabeth Haybecker, wife of A. T. Stewart, president of the A. T. Stewart

art Implement Manufacturing Company, at Carnegie, near Pittsburg; Mabel Blanche, wife of Henry Hamme, shipping clerk of the York Wall Paper Company, of York, Pennsylvania.

Oliver Cromwell Balmer was born at Elizabethtown Sept. 6, 1865, and was educated at Columbia, Pa., to which place his parents had removed. At the age of ten years he began carrying newspapers, and at eleven entered a store, becoming messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company when not thirteen years old. This place he held for three years, when he went to Harrisburg, in the employ of the same company, also as messenger. He was appointed operator at the old Pennsylvania railroad depot at Harrisburg, and filled that position for a year and a half. In 1883 he was appointed manager of the telegraph office in the "Brighton Hotel," subsequently taking charge of the main office at Atlantic City for a short time. In 1884 he was transferred to Lancaster, to hold an operator's chair, and there he worked for a year and a half, when he was transferred to Harrisburg, to remain a year and a half. He was then transferred to Birmingham, Ala., and remained in the Southern city nearly a year, when he was recalled to Harrisburg to fill the position of operator and wire chief, continuing in that place until 1892, when he became manager at York. There he was employed until the opening months of 1899, when he was appointed manager of the Western Union office in Lancaster, an unbroken service in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company of nearly twenty-three years.

Mr. Balmer was married to Miss Lilly D., daughter of Prof. D. G. Williams, for nine years superintendent of the public schools of York county, and who is now a notary public engaged in the insurance and real estate business. To this union two children were born: Oliver Cromwell, Jr., and David Williams.

Mr. Balmer belongs to the First Methodist Church of Lancaster, and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to several benevolent organizations. As manager of the Western Union office he has made many friends by his unfailing courtesy and close attention to all business that passes through his hands.

G. J. P. RAUB, general insurance manager at Quarryville, was born in Eden township Aug. 15, 1852, son of Dr. John K. and Leah (Peoples) Raub. The parents were both born in Lancaster county.

John K. Raub, after his marriage, settled in Hawkesville, where he taught school for a time, and then took up the study of medicine, which he practiced for many years, becoming prominent both as a physician and citizen. He accumulated large means by putting the income from his practice in investments which returned good interest. He moved to New Providence, where he practiced up to a short time before his death, in 1867. His wife is still liv-



ing, and is now the wife of Edward Aston, of New Providence. Dr. John K. Raub left one son and one daughter: G. J. P., and Lillie. The daughter was educated at the Millersville Normal School, married Elam K. Herr, formerly of Quarryville borough, but now residing at Bloomfield, Iowa; they have two daughters, Ella and Miriam.

G. J. P. Raub was educated at the Millersville State Normal School and Kutztown Normal School. His early life was spent as a clerk in a country store, until he entered into partnership with F. W. Helm, in a general store at New Providence, at which place he continued for five years. He then moved to Quarryville, where he entered into a partnership with George W. Hensel, his father-in-law. The firm continued as Hensel & Co. until 1874, when Mr. Raub purchased Mr. Hensel's interest and continued the business until 1890. He then sold out and engaged in general insurance for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., which he has continued until the present time. Since 1890 he has engaged in the insurance business, and he is now manager of the district, a position of honor and profit. He received a medal from the company for careful and judicious management of its affairs. When he first began in the insurance business his territory consisted of parts of Lancaster and Chester counties, but now he has charge, in addition to the foregoing, of the counties of Franklin and Fulton, and a part of Schuylkill, in Pennsylvania, and of Washington, Frederick and Montgomery, in Maryland. In point of business Mr. Raub stands first in the State of any representatives of his company, and has been awarded medals to that effect from the company.

In 1873 G. J. P. Raub married Miss Ella M. Hensel, daughter of George W. and Anna M. Hensel. He has two children: Florence H., who was born in 1875; and Charles H., born in 1879, who is a graduate of the State College of Center county, Pa., class of 1901.

In politics Mr. Raub is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to office. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Elks, Chambersburg Lodge. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church of Quarryville.

Mr. Raub is scrupulously honest, and his integrity is well known and esteemed by all. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and his life has been one of active business, which he has made successful by giving it his entire attention and time.

**M. H. GROFF.** Among the leading and representative citizens of Drumore township is M. H. Groff, who is a native of Lancaster county, born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 24, 1847, a son of Eli and Susan (Herr) Groff, the former of whom was a son of Jacob Groff, a native of Germany, who became a highly respected and well-known farmer of Lancaster county.

Eli Groff married Susan Herr about 1840, and

three sons were born to them: Harvey H., whose young life went out on the terrible battle field in Virginia, in 1863, a member of Co. G, 21st P. V. C.; Aquilla, who died in Williamsport, Wyoming Co., Pa., in his seventeenth year; and M. H. Groff, of Drumore township.

Although in early life M. H. Groff possessed little in the way of worldly goods, he was full of energy and ability, and as the years passed on he accumulated means, and now is the fortunate owner of one of the best small farms in his township, which is improved with excellent and comfortable buildings. On Dec. 9, 1874, Mr. Groff was married to Miss Annie C. Rowe, of Drumore township, who was born on May 25, 1854, a daughter of Samuel and Annie (Tanger) Rowe, of Drumore, the former of whom was born July 3, 1826, and the latter April 22, 1827, and they both reside with M. H. Groff. Mrs. Groff has but one brother, Benjamin F. Rowe, who is a farmer of Drumore township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Groff: Samuel Chester, born in 1875, married Naomi Harnish, of Drumore, and they have one son, Maurice H. Groff; Annie Myrtle, born in 1877, died at the age of twenty-one years; and Iva S., born in 1881, resides with her parents.

In politics Mr. Groff has always been devoted to the interests of the Republican party, and he has been called upon at various times to serve his party as supervisor of roads and assessor, filling these positions with satisfaction to all concerned. In 1890, and again in 1900, Mr. Groff was appointed to take the census in Drumore township, and this duty was performed with carefulness and efficiency. Mr. Groff is a leading member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, and is now (1902) one of the trustees, and in every way he is a reliable and representative citizen of his township, in which he is universally esteemed.

**OTOMER S. ECKERT.** Prominent in West Earl township is Otomer S. Eckert, one of the prosperous and highly respected farmer-citizens. As a good farmer and liberal minded citizen, interested in all that promises benefit to his locality, he has won the esteem and confidence of the community where his home has been so many years.

Otomer S. Eckert was born Nov. 4, 1859, a son of Peter and Katherine (Johns) Eckert, both of whom belonged to old and substantial families of Lancaster county. Peter Eckert was born Feb. 20, 1828, and now resides on a fine farm in Manheim township. His wife was born Oct. 8, 1824, and died March 14, 1899. Their marriage was celebrated in 1850, and their family numbered four children: Mary, born in 1853, is the wife of Elias Bard, of Upper Leacock township; Levi C., born in 1855, is a farmer in Manheim township; Kate A., born in 1857, is the wife of George K. Diller, a farmer and drover of East Earl township; and Otomer S., of this sketch. Levi Eckert, the grandfather, was a





prominent farmer and large landowner of Leacock township, and was the father of these children: Caroline, the wife of John Bair, of Leacock township; Clara, wife of George De Haven, of East Earl; Elmyra, deceased; Peter C.; Otomer S., a farmer of Leacock township, now deceased; and Levi, who died in childhood. The great-grandfather of the Eckert family came to America from Switzerland, and was one of the early settlers of this part of the county.

Otomer S. Eckert was educated in the public schools, and grew up a farmer boy, early learning in the school of experience all the details of an agricultural life. From choice he has followed farming pursuits, and has become one of the substantial men of this locality.

Mr. Eckert was happily married on March 8, 1882, to Miss Mary J. Geist, who was born Dec. 28, 1859, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Harnish) Geist, of Upper Leacock township, and to this union have been born four daughters: Lottie, Katie, Clara and Minnie. In politics Mr. Eckert is a Republican, and the family have always been members of the German Reformed Church. In educational matters Mr. Eckert has continually shown his interest, and is now serving as school director. In the neighborhood the esteem in which he is held is very marked, and he may be justly regarded as one of the best representatives of the superior citizens who find their home in West Earl township.

JACOB G. STAUFFER, a lumber merchant of Elizabethtown, combines with his hardwood interests, extensive dealings in coal, flour and grain mill products, operates an important stone crushing enterprise, and contracts crushed stone in any quantity to cities and corporations. An enterprising and pushing business man of high character and deserved popularity, he is widely recognized as one of the representative men of this part of the State.

Mr. Stauffer was born six miles from Elizabethtown, in the township of Mt. Joy, May 29, 1850, son of Jacob and Mary (Gross) Stauffer, natives of Mt. Joy and Rapho townships, respectively. They died on the old family homestead which was the birthplace of their son, Jacob G. The elder Stauffer was a man of considerable prominence in his home community, and was supervisor for thirteen years, holding at the same time other local positions of more or less importance. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. Both he and his wife were members of the German Baptist Church, and their remains are at rest in the cemetery connected with the Chickies Meeting House. They were the parents of the following children: Fannie, the wife of Samuel Risser, of Lebanon county; Mary, the widow of David Moyer, of Mt. Joy township; Rebecca, deceased; John, a farmer of the township of Mt. Joy; Abraham, a farmer of Lebanon county; and Jacob G. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Jacob G. Stauffer were natives of Lancaster county,

and belonged to families long prominent in industry and business in this part of the State.

Jacob G. Stauffer was married in November, 1870, in Mt. Joy township, to Miss Lizzie Witmer, and the children born to this union were as follows: Amanda, who has been twice married, her first husband being Irwin Engle, and her second, John Binkley, a miller in Mt. Joy township; Anna, who died at the age of seven; Ada, who died at the age of two; and Harry, at home. Mrs. Lizzie Stauffer was born in Mt. Joy township, and died in 1892, at the age of forty-two years, and her remains are resting in Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry Witmer, and a lady of much character with those refined and womanly traits that command a host of friends.

Mr. Stauffer contracted a second marriage Nov. 30, 1893, in Elizabethtown, with Mrs. Mary H. Bentz, a daughter of David Huntzberger.

Mr. Stauffer remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority, when he rented a farm for a time and then bought it, only to sell after some four years of cultivation at a very good profit. After selling out his farming interest Mr. Stauffer moved into Elizabethtown, where he had bought a flouring mill, which he has operated to the present time. In 1886 he had achieved so much success as a miller that he felt warranted in branching out and taking up in addition to his mill work, coal and grain, as well as lumber, making many irons in the fire, but he is able to keep them all going at a white heat. Mr. Stauffer has served on the borough council six years, and has been a burgess ten consecutive years. He is a Republican, and an enterprising, thrifty man, as well as a prominent and public-spirited citizen.

DAVID A. HUBER. One of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, is David A. Huber, the owner and operator of a fine farm of forty-eight acres of rich, well-improved land in close proximity to the village of Willowstreet. His birth occurred on the old family homestead which has been in the possession of the Hubers for generations, on Aug. 11, 1860, and he was educated in the common schools of the district.

Until his marriage David H. Huber remained at home, engaged in agricultural pursuits, but when he established a home for himself, on Jan. 1, 1888, he located upon his present farm, where he made many permanent improvements and carries on a general line of farming. His marriage was to Emma S., a daughter of Martin and Maria Huber, of West Lampeter township. She was born Oct. 26, 1861, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Carrie May, born Aug. 13, 1891; Martin, born Aug. 25, 1892; and Christian, born Nov. 13, 1893.

This family is one of the county's most respected, and in every way David A. Huber is a man to be esteemed and highly regarded by his fellow-citizens.



Honest, industrious, energetic and home-loving, these are the qualities which form the character of typical Americans.

EZRA B. WOLF, owner and proprietor of *The Press*, of Denver, Lancaster county, is a native of West Coalco township, where he was born August 20, 1852, son of Christian and Susan (Burkholder) Wolf.

Christian Wolf, the father of Ezra B., was born and reared in Warwick township, son of Henry and Leah Wolf, the former of whom died when Christian was very small. The latter was reared to farm life, became a carpenter also, and was skilled in cabinet making, and had an undertaking establishment in the village of Schoeneck, where he died in 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years. As a cabinet maker and manufacturer of furniture he became well known and prosperous. He had a family of six children, namely: Salinda, deceased, who wedded John F. Harnish, of West Earl township; Henry, a carpenter and undertaker, at Lincoln; Ezra B., our subject; Susan, the widow of Jacob E. Shirk, of Stevens; Mary, the widow of J. M. Millinger, of Denver; Emma, the wife of J. G. Burkholder, of Denver. The mother of this family also resides in Denver.

Ezra B. Wolf was reared on the farm, and learned the cabinet-making trade, taking naturally to working in wood. He became his father's most skilled assistant. Before he was sixteen years old he had learned the details of the undertaking business, and had become so competent that his father regarded him as worthy of excellent wages. When about twenty-two years of age he succeeded to his father's business at Schoeneck and later established a branch at Denver, resulting in his removal to the latter place in 1883. Since that time Mr. Wolf has been prominently identified with the progress and development of this town, first engaging in the furniture and undertaking business which he carried on some years, but later dropped the furniture line and now conducts a first-class undertaking business, being a graduate of two embalming schools.

In 1895, in association with Dr. S. G. Burkholder, he purchased the leading newspaper in this section, *The Press*, which had been established in 1890 by Myers & Lutz, Mr. Myers succeeding the above named firm, and in turn being succeeded by our subject and Dr. Burkholder as stated. At that time it was a single sheet journal of some six or seven columns, which has been transformed into a double sheet paper of eight pages, which is issued weekly. In 1896 Mr. Wolf assumed entire control and has ably conducted it ever since, giving its patrons one of the best edited and most satisfactory papers of this locality. As a wise measure in a growing community, the paper is non-partisan and hence can comment without bias on general events of interest, while it can be made a power in the upbuilding of the borough. In 1900 the village of Denver was made a borough, and Mr. Wolf was a very important

factor in effecting the desired change. He is president of the board of education, and his public-spirited efforts meet with the commendation of the public.

The first marriage of Mr. Wolf was to Miss Lizzie Eberly, daughter of Isaac Eberly. Her death occurred in 1890, her two children preceding her. The second marriage of Mr. Wolf was to Mrs. Linda Yeager, widow of John Yeager, and daughter of John Fahnestock, of Warwick township. The three children born to this union are: Mary Esther, Raymond Hobson and Christian Herbert. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are members of the U. B. Church, in which he is trustee and steward, and to which he is a liberal contributor. Fraternally Mr. Wolf is connected with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading; Coalco Lodge, No. 408, I. O. O. F.; Coalco Lodge, No. 400, K. of P.; Camp 13, of Denver, P. O. S. of A.; and Lodge No. 295, K. of G. E.

Mr. Wolf has done much for the borough of Denver in the way of improvement of real estate, and has erected a number of handsome edifices, among them being two dwellings, a store building, the building occupied by *The Press*, also offices for lodge rooms of various kinds, and others which are among the best in Denver. He was one of the principal contributors to the present U. B. Church building, and also to the public school. His commercial and personal standing is very high in the young city where he has chosen his home, and where he has many friends.

SAMUEL G. ENGLE, one of the well known and highly esteemed farmers and dairymen of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, is located one and one-half miles from Marietta, Pa., where he successfully conducts a most prosperous business. The Engle family is one of the oldest in the county, the early records reaching back to 1754, when Ulric and Anna (Brechtbill) Engle left their home in Switzerland and came to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania. Their numerous descendants have scattered over the Union.

Samuel G. Engle was born on the old homestead in East Donegal March 7, 1850, a son of Daniel and Mary (Kraybill) Engle, of Conoy and East Donegal townships, respectively. The two-story brick residence upon the homestead was built by Daniel Engle in 1871, and both he and his wife died here, the former in August, 1888, at the age of seventy-five, the latter in November, 1900, aged eighty-four. Both had been valued members of the religious denomination known as River Brethren. Daniel Engle was a very intelligent and progressive man, much interested in educational matters, and was one of the first school directors of his district, when the free school system was put into operation. He was the originator of the Marietta Nursery Co., of East Donegal, in 1853, locating it on the old homestead, and he conducted it successfully for many years, finally retiring and leaving it in the capable hands





of his two sons, Hiram G. and John G., it now being operated by the latter. The children born to Daniel Engle and wife were: Fanny, who married John B. Brenneman, a groceryman, of York; Barbara, who married Henry S. Garber, of Mt. Joy; Hiram, deceased; John G.; Samuel, of this sketch; and Daniel G., the postmaster of Marietta, Pa. The paternal grandfather of Samuel G. Engle was John Engle, of Conoy township, whose wife belonged to the Myers family; he was a farmer and died in 1861. The maternal grandparents were Christian and Mary (Nissley) Kraybill, farmers of Lancaster county.

Samuel G. Engle was reared in an agricultural family and neighborhood, and acquired his education in the public schools, remaining at home and farming on the old homestead for eighteen years, and coming to the present fine farm in October, 1896, where he has since conducted an excellent dairy in connection with his farming operations. For six years he served as school director, and has always cast his influence in the direction of morality in his neighborhood. In politics Mr. Engle is a pronounced Republican, but has never consented to hold political office.

The marriage of Samuel G. Engle occurred on Dec. 3, 1874, in East Donegal township, when Miss Mary B. Bossler became his bride. One daughter, Mary B., has been born of this union. Mrs. Engle was born in West Donegal township, a daughter of Christian and Ann (Brenneman) Bossler, the former of whom was a farmer of East Donegal township, where the family is well known. Mr. Engle is a worthy representative of an old and numerous Lancaster family, and possesses the respect of the community in which he lives, and where he has shown that he is an honest and upright citizen.

ELIZABETH M. KENDIG, whose attractive ice-cream and confectionery parlors are located at No. 132 North Duke street, Lancaster, can boast of having Revolutionary ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

Henry Kendig, her grandfather, was a veterinary surgeon of Lampeter township, where he lived and died, as did his father before him.

John Kendig, son of Henry, was a farmer of Providence township, and died in September, 1884. He married Elizabeth String, daughter of John String, a tailor of New Providence, and nine children were born of this union, five of whom are living, as follows: Hiram S., of Lancaster, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion; Samuel, a farmer and tax collector of the township of Providence; John B., a contracting painter of Covington, Ky.; Elizabeth M.; Louisa S., who makes her home with Miss Elizabeth.

Elizabeth M. Kendig was born on the old homestead near New Providence, and, coming to Lancaster, entered the confectionery establishment of George R. Erisman, later becoming connected with the confectionery of the late R. H. Anderson. After

the death of the latter Miss Kendig, on July 11, 1898, bought the confectionery store of Mr. Erisman, on North Queen street, and on April 1, 1899, she removed to No. 132 North Duke street, where her business soon increased to double its proportions. Miss Kendig's goods soon became noted throughout the community for their excellence; and this fact, coupled with her courtesy and promptness, has won a host of patrons, and the store is justly noted as one of the leading confectionery marts of the city.

WILLIAM H. WOLF, a favorite railroad conductor at Columbia, was born in York county Feb. 20, 1849, son of Hon. William W. and Agnes G. (Smith) Wolf, of New Holland, who were the parents of eight children, viz: Abner, who died in Fort Desula, Dak., while in the United States service as scout; Flora, deceased wife of Emanuel Hoppens; Agnes, widow of Jonathan Schenberger, who was killed on the railroad at 52nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.; William H.; Adam, carpenter at Wrightsville; John, killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at West Philadelphia; Mary, wife of George L. Fox, of Camden, N. J.; and Sarah, wife of James Patton, ticket and freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at Little Washington.

Hon. William W. Wolf, son of Adam Wolf, a farmer and general merchant in York county, also became a farmer and general merchant. He was the founder of Mount Wolf Station on the North Central Railroad, and was the agent of the Railroad Company at that station for many years. He was for a long time a justice of the peace, represented his district in the State Legislature one term, was commissioner of York county several terms, and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1865, at the age of forty-nine years, was serving as sheriff of York county. His widow died in 1892, aged seventy-six years. Both had been consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Agnes G. (Smith) Wolf was a daughter of Philip and Mary Smith, of York county, where the former was a prosperous farmer, and one of the earliest pilots on the Susquehanna River.

William H. Wolf remained on the home farm until fourteen years of age, then attended Cottage Hill school at York four years. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship of two years at the tinsmith's trade, but relinquished it and ran ore cars for the Henry Clay furnace for two years. On Oct. 24, 1870, he came to Columbia, and for sixteen months was brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was next a flagman until 1883, and was then promoted to conductor, a position he still holds.

Mr. Wolf has been twice married. He first wedded, in York, Pa., Jan. 9, 1870, Miss Melvina Peters, who was born in York county, a daughter of Jacob and Lillie A. Peters, the former a shoemaker. Mrs. Melvina Wolf passed away in November, 1884, the mother of four children, viz: John (deceased), Charles, Jeanette and





Edward (deceased). The second marriage of Mr. Wolf took place Sept. 16, 1891, at Camden, N. J., to Miss Sallie A. Milton, but no children have been born to this union.

Mrs. Sallie A. Wolf is a daughter of William and Louisa (Kennedy) Milton, natives, respectively, of Columbia and York counties, Pa. Her father was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. fourteen years, of which period he was eight years a conductor. He served three years in the 20th P. V. C. in the war of the Rebellion, and then received an honorable discharge. He was a member of the order of Red Men, and died in Columbia, June 24, 1878, at the early age of thirty-four years. His widow, who was born in August, 1849, still resides in Columbia, and is now the wife of Joseph L. Deemer, of that city.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Milton were born six children, viz: Sallie A. (Mrs. Wolf); Charles H., deceased; Mary A., widow of Thomas Donnan; Georgianna, deceased; Ida M., wife of Howard Clinton; and Alice C., who married George W. Kissinger, of Lancaster, and died leaving one son, Joseph F. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sallie A. Wolf were Isaac M. and Mary A. (O'Freehold) Milton, of Kentucky, who came to Columbia in 1842, the former being then a manufacturer of oil-cloth. Here both passed the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wolf were Samuel and Sarah (Harman) Neff, of York county, where his death took place, but that of his wife occurred in Lancaster, and her remains were interred in Columbia.

William H. Wolf and his family are members of the Lutheran church, and in social circles are held in the highest esteem. Mr. Wolf is a member of the P. R. K. Relief, and also belongs to Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E., of Lancaster, and to Lodge No. 331, O. R. C., Columbia, besides several social clubs in the latter place. He is in politics a Democrat, but has never condescended to seek a public office.

**WILLIAM MEHL**, assistant yardmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at Columbia, Pa., was born in Odersbach, Weillburg, Province of Nassau, Germany, May 30, 1852, a son of John C. and Maria C. (Hoin) Mehl, who landed in New York City June 4, 1853, and came thence to Lancaster, Pa., remaining there until April 7, 1870, when they located in Columbia.

John C. Mehl was a stonemason and also carried on a marble and monument yard. He died in 1871, in the faith of the German Lutheran Church, at the age of forty-seven years; and his widow passed away in 1898, aged sixty-two. They were the parents of six children, the eldest of whom is William, whose name opens this sketch. The others are: Frank, who succeeded to his father's business at the old stand; Henry, who ran away when fifteen years old, made a trip around the world, returned home and started on a second trip, and it is supposed was lost at sea; Mary, married to Matthias Swartz, hotel-

keeper at Columbia; George, a clerk in Lancaster; and Miss Louisa, living on the old homestead.

William Mehl, in 1864, left school, and for two years worked in the cotton factory at Lancaster. He next served an apprenticeship of three years at cigarmaking, and in 1869 obtained a situation with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at packing tools for a crew of stone masons, so continuing until the spring of 1870, when he began stone cutting with his father, remaining until the death of the latter, when he took charge of and managed the business until October, 1876. He was next a brakeman for the railroad company until 1879, flagman until 1881, then a conductor for ten years. For several years he was employed in super-numerary work in the yards, and in July, 1897, was promoted to the position of assistant yardmaster.

Mr. Mehl has been twice married. His first wedding took place March 1, 1881, in Columbia, when he married Tillie Rethaiser, who was born in Columbia, and who died Jan. 10, 1882, at the age of twenty-one years, without issue. The second wedding took place Oct. 31, 1883, when Josephine M. Rethaiser, a sister of his first wife, became his bride. To this union have been born four children, viz: William H., Tillie R., John C. and Daniel R.

Daniel Rethaiser, the father-in-law of Mr. Mehl, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Jan. 15, 1839, a son of Jacob and Margaret H. Rethaiser, who came to America in 1840, and settled in Columbia, Pa. Jacob was a laborer and died in 1848, a member of the German Lutheran church, aged forty-one years, and the father of two children, Daniel, and William, of York county. Mrs. Rethaiser was next married to John Wonder, to whom she bore one child, John, a brakeman in Columbia. Mrs. Wonder was born in 1815, and died in 1865, also in the faith of the Lutheran church.

Daniel Rethaiser lived with his parents until he was seventeen years old, and then learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed until his death, June 9, 1902. He had always made Columbia his home, with the exception of five years, 1858 to 1863, passed in Driewood, Pa. On Jan. 2, 1860, he married, in Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa., Theresa Berry, and to this union were born Tillie, deceased wife of William Mehl, whose name opens this article; Josephine M., now Mrs. Mehl; Annie, married to Harry Upp, a telegrapher in Philadelphia; Catherine, wife of Edward Seafalls, a compositor on the New York Herald; William, a machinist in the same metropolis; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Roche, a druggist in Frenchtown, N. J.; Jennie, wife of John Musser, assistant superintendent of a shirt factory in Scranton, Pa.; and Emma, also in Scranton.

Theresa (Berry) Rethaiser was born in Germany March 31, 1840, a daughter of Benedict and Margaret Berry, who came to the United States in 1846, and settled in St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa., where the father is engaged in farming.

William Mehl, like all the members of his fam-



ily, is a Lutheran in religion. In politics he is independent, being capable of thinking and judging for himself. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, by whom he is greatly respected, and he stands equally high in the esteem of the public at large.

C. H. HILTON, who is one of the successful farmers of Little Britain township, was born March 27, 1855, a son of William and Elizabeth (Warren) Hilton, of Drumore township, this county.

Joseph Hilton, his grandfather, was a farmer of Drumore township, and he reared a family of seven children, all of whom, with himself, were respected members of their various localities. The children were: Lewis, Joseph, Daniel, George, William, Mary and Elizabeth.

During life William Hilton, the father of C. H. Hilton, was an industrious, honest and upright man, for a number of years considered a most reliable workman at his trade of carpenter. His death occurred in 1882, and his widow resides with her son. Four children were born to William Hilton and wife: C. H.; Ella, the wife of Erastus Hastings, of Philadelphia; Laura, deceased; and Viola, the wife of Henry Clendennin, of Oxford.

C. H. Hilton, who now is one of the substantial and representative citizens of Little Britain, was reared to the duties of a farmer boy, and attended the district schools. From youth he has been very industrious, and he is now the owner of considerable valuable property, consisting of the home farm, comprising 102 acres, with excellent residence and commodious barns, and also a house, lot and paying blacksmith shop at Mechanics Grove, in East Drumore township. For a period of five years Mr. Hilton carried on a mercantile business, at Mechanics Grove, but in 1887 he came to the home farm, after a short time in Peters Creek, where he also had a general store. Until quite recently Mr. Hilton has been engaged in the creamery business, in connection with his farming.

On July 10, 1877, Mr. Hilton was married to Miss Mary Eberly, of East Drumore township, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Herr) Eberly, and was born April 4, 1856. By trade Abraham Eberly is a wheelwright. In 1862 he was a volunteer in the service of his country. Retired from active life now, both he and wife are spending their advancing years in ease at their old home in East Drumore township. They reared a family of seven children: Susan, wife of Wilson Walker, of Providence township; Martha, wife of Morris Shoemaker, of Lancaster; Sarah, wife of Samuel Whitmer, of Quarryville; Daniel, who lives in Mount Hope; Mary, wife of Mr. Hilton; Henry, who lives in Providence township; and Catherine, wife of John H. Herr, of East Drumore township.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton: Linnie L., born Jan. 22, 1878; Laura Emma, born March 4, 1882; William Roy, born Aug.

1, 1887; Ada A., born April 10, 1889; Elsie May, born May 12, 1893; Grace Ruth, born June 21, 1896; and Eberly Frank Gillispie, born June 21, 1902.

Like his father, Mr. Hilton has been a life-long member of the Democratic party, and all of his family, including himself, are members in good standing in the Presbyterian Church at Little Britain. In Fulton township he enjoys the respect and esteem of his neighbors, where he is known as an honest, upright man, a good neighbor, a kind friend and an exemplary member of society.

DANIEL N. FORREY, a general farmer and much respected citizen of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 8, 1856, in the town where his honorable and useful life is passing, a son of John and Mary (Newcomer) Forrey. His father was born in 1815 in Manor township, his mother in Rapho; they are now living retired in Rapho township. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Forrey was for some years a director of the First National Bank of Columbia. His general reputation for integrity and ability has been well sustained through life, whenever he has come into contact with important business interests, and he is regarded as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Rapho township. To John and Mary Forrey were born the following named children: Catherine married Ezra Hostetter, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Lizzie married Jacob Snyder, and they live retired in Mt. Joy, Pa.; Anna N. is the wife of Harry Buckwalder, a farmer in Penn township; Isaac N. lives in East Donegal township; Amos N. is a farmer on the old homestead, where his father still resides; Harry N. is in the creamery business in York county; Mamie N. is the wife of Eli Garber, the proprietor of a creamery near Lititz, Pa.; Emma married John Minnich, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Daniel N. is the gentleman whose name introduces these lines.

Daniel Forrey, the paternal grandfather of Daniel N. Forrey, married a Kauffman; both were natives of Lancaster county.

Daniel N. Forrey was married Nov. 11, 1875, in Lancaster, to Catherine B. Nissley, by whom he has had the following children, all the survivors being at home: John N.; Simon N.; Daniel N.; Ellen N.; Lillie N.; Emma N.; Clayton N. and Norman N., deceased; Walter N.; and Oliver N.

Mrs. Catherine B. (Nissley) Forrey was born in West Hempfield township Dec. 2, 1854, daughter of Christian E. and Fanny (Borneman) Nissley. The father, who was born in West Hempfield township, was a retired farmer in Salunga, for the last ten years of his life, and there died Oct. 29, 1889, at the age of seventy years, nine months, seven days. The mother, who was born in East Donegal township, died in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and people of much respectability and good standing in the community. At one time Mr. Nissley served very





acceptably as school director. Christian E. and Fanny Nissley had the following children: Henry B., a resident of East Donegal township; Samuel P., a farmer, living on the old homestead; Jonas B., a farmer in East Donegal township; Anna B., wife of John Stehman, a farmer located near Lancaster Junction; Catherine B., Mrs. Forrey; Fanny B., who married Amos Shelly, and lives at Mt. Joy; Emma B., who married Wither Rohrer, a bookkeeper in Lancaster; and Ellen B., unmarried, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Shelly. Mrs. Forrey's paternal grandparents, Samuel and Catherine Nissley, were life-long residents of Lancaster county.

Daniel N. Forrey remained at home with his parents until after his marriage, and was reared to farming. When he married he was given part of the old homestead, consisting of a tract of seventy acres, and there he built a residence, farm buildings, etc. During the passing years he has become quite well-to-do, and holds a fine position as a man, a citizen and a farmer in the community in which he is passing his peaceful and useful life. In religion he and his family are members of the Mennonite Church, and in politics Mr. Forrey holds strongly to Republican views.

**HENRY BARTON**, deceased. Every locality has its list of well remembered names, representative of those of its esteemed and useful citizens who have passed out of life, and one of those long familiar in Upper Leacock township was Henry Barton, whose integrity of character and sterling worth made him conspicuous during life.

Mr. Barton was born Feb. 16, 1803, since which date the country and even the county he loved so well and served so faithfully have made great and wonderful strides. The Barton family is an old and honored one, far back to the time when three brothers left England and first located in Scotland, where they established shipyards. Later their descendants went to County Tyrone, Ireland, and thence in 1772 John Barton, the grandfather of Henry, came to America with his brothers James and Samuel. James settled in the Tuscarora Valley, Samuel settled in Virginia, and John made his permanent home in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county.

John Barton, son of John, married Isabella Vogan, who was a native of Vogansville, this county. By a previous marriage, to a Miss Redick, he had three children, John, Robert and Sarah, and to this second marriage the following children were born: Margaret, who married Mark Connell; Leah, who married Robert Connell; Rachel, twin of Leah, who died at the age of seventy-nine unmarried; Isaac; Samuel; Henry; James; Eliza, who married Archimedes Robbs; and William.

John Barton, the father of this family, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and came to America at the age of eighteen years, landing at New Castle, Del. There he remained five years, engaged in teaching school, and in 1787 came to Lancaster

county, taking up his residence in Leacock township. Farming did not occupy all of his time, and he became a drover, often driving his cattle all the way from his farm to Philadelphia. At the time of his death, in 1853, at the age of eighty-nine years, he owned two fine farms, was a wealthy and prominent man, and had served for a long period as county commissioner.

Henry Barton, son of John (2), was born on the farm in Upper Leacock township which is owned and operated by his son, William H. His entire life was given to agricultural pursuits and to the advancement of the material interests of his family, county and State, and in the meantime he also built up a reputation for honesty and integrity which will long reflect credit upon all who bear his name. Mr. Barton was particularly interested in educational matters, and consented to serve as school director for a period of six years. He died July 21, 1885.

Henry Barton was married Feb. 20, 1845, in Philadelphia, by Rev. Thomas Clark, to Miss Margaret L. Simon, and the following named children were born to this union: John C., who is in the life insurance business in New Holland, Pa., married Anna Rutter; William H., who is farming the old homestead, married Nellie Burwell; and Miss Lizzie J. resided with her mother until the latter's death, Sept. 21, 1901.

Mrs. Margaret L. (Simon) Barton was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 17, 1809, and at the time of her death was one of the esteemed residents of Mechanicsburg, this county. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Ireton) Simon, the former a noted teacher of music, who instructed in one of the academies.

In politics Mr. Barton was a firm advocate of Democratic principles, but was no politician. Both he and wife were long leading members of the Presbyterian Church. The family is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed in the township, and Mr. Barton was recognized as one of its representative men.

**CHARLES FONDERSMITH STAUFFER**, one of the leading general contractors of Lancaster, and a man widely known throughout the State, was born Oct. 8, 1866, on the farm of his father, located near Florin, Mt. Joy township, consisting of one hundred acres, one of the most highly cultivated and substantially improved farms in the county at that time. He is the son of John Forney and Clara S. (Fondersmith) Stauffer.

John Forney Stauffer, who was at one time one of the most efficient Street Commissioners Lancaster has ever had, was born in Penn township Aug. 6, 1845, son of Benjamin Miller and Sophia (Forney) Stauffer. He was reared in his native place, educated in the celebrated Beck School at Lititz, learned the trade of miller, operated the Bossler Mill for two years, and retired from active life until 1872. In that year he removed to Lancaster and became a





Henry Barton





railroad contractor and sewer builder, being extensively employed throughout the State. On April 1, 1894, he was elected Street Commissioner, and held that office for four terms. At present he is actively engaged in the manufacture of electric fans and motors. His political opinions make him a stalwart supporter of the principles of Republicanism. Socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum. He was Warden of Trinity Lutheran Church for three years, and is an earnest worker in and member of that body.

Johannus Stauffer, the great-grandfather of John F. Stauffer, and great-great-grandfather of Charles F., was a native of Switzerland, who came to America in 1790, built the large stone mill at White Oak, Penn township, and conducted it as long as he lived. Upon his death his son, John, inherited the property. His son, Benjamin M., in the course of time, came into possession of this mill, when twenty-one years of age. In 1856 he was elected Register of Lancaster county on the Republican ticket and so disposed of the property, purchasing a farm near Mt. Joy. He cultivated this farm with great success from 1859 to 1863, when he bought the old Bossler Mill near Manheim, on Chickies creek, but in 1868 he disposed of his interest therein and returned to Mt. Joy. He later resided in Lititz, where he died in 1897. He married Miss Sophia Forney, who was born in Earl township, daughter of John Forney, and was a cousin of John W. Forney, the founder of the Philadelphia Press. Her father was the proprietor of the "Forney Inn," on the Reading road, and there made his home for a number of years. Mrs. Benjamin M. Stauffer died in 1884, leaving two children: John F., the ex-Street Commissioner of Lancaster; and Benjamin, a member of the Board of Trade, Chicago.

On Nov. 25, 1868, John Forney Stauffer was married to Miss Clara S. Fondersmith, the youngest daughter of John and Catherine (Reed) Fondersmith, of Lancaster, and two children were born of this union, Charles F. and B. Grant, the latter secretary and treasurer of the Towle Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. John Forney Stauffer's great-great-grandfather was Ludwig von-der Schmitt, a descendant of the Royal House of Hessen-Darmstadt, who was a manufacturer of guns in Germany for the Government. He came to this country about 1740 and settled in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, where his son, John Fondersmith, manufactured guns for the war of 1812, at Fondersmithville. Gov. Pownall, in his journal, speaks of passing through Lancaster county in 1754, and of a manufactory of guns for which the county was celebrated, it being the business of John Fondersmith, a manufacturer of "defensive arms" for the Revolutionary patriots.

John Fondersmith, Esq., father of Mrs. John F. Stauffer, and grandfather of Charles Fondersmith Stauffer, was one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of Lancaster. He died at his resi-

dence, No. 303 East King street, Sept. 27 1874. He was elected clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions in 1842 by the Republican party, having been a staunch Republican, and twice the nominee of that party for mayor. Although firm in his principles, he was much respected by men of all parties, being a man of superior intelligence, strict moral character and fine social traits. He was the owner of one of the pioneer stores of Lancaster, "Fondersmith's Corner," at East King and Shippen streets, having been as familiar to the people of Lancaster City and county as was Centre Square.

Charles Fondersmith Stauffer was taken from the farm, when but one year old, to Mt. Joy, and after two years to Lancaster, Pa., where he was educated first in the public schools and later at the Episcopal Parish School, Yeates Institute and the high school, from which he was graduated. After leaving school he entered the employ of Hager & Bro.'s carpet house, in Lancaster, and there remained for two years. In the spring of 1880 he became associated with his father in contracting, and eighteen months later engaged in business for himself, with offices in Penn Square, Philadelphia. Mr. Stauffer has built the roads and avenues and executed the landscape work on the Drexel tracts at Overbrook, Wayne Estate, at Wayne and St. David's, and Robert Smith Estate, at Strafford. He has also been extensively employed in railroad work, grading and bridge construction of various kinds, in many localities. Among the railroads for which he has employed his talents may be mentioned the Reading Terminal Company, Pennsylvania Railway Company, Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railway Company, Chambersburg & Gettysburg Railway Company, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He has in addition to all this notable work left specimens of his sewerage, street paving and reservoir work at York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Providence and Lancaster, and has laid out many of the beautiful landscape gardens to be found in and about Philadelphia. Many private country places along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad owe their beauty of surroundings to Charles F. Stauffer's work. He erected the large boulder at Gulf Mills, marking the point at which the Continental Army, under Gen. Washington, ceased retreating, and re-constructed the landscape about the church at old St. David's, which Longfellow named "The Little Church Among the Graves," where Anthony Wayne is buried and Gen. Washington attended services during his stay at Valley Forge. The Continental and British armies both used this church as a hospital, the Continental army having cut the leaded windows out to make bullets. The Main street at Jenkintown; the landscape, drives and lawns, rustic walks and bridges, at the "Beachwood Inn," and the private grounds of country places of Philadelphia millionaires along the Philadelphia and Reading railroad all show his work. He is at present en-





gaged in the paving of some of the main thoroughfares and the constructing of sewers for the city of Lancaster, and is also constructing a large lake for boating and skating, and a general landscape work, incident to the making of a Park, for the Long's Park Commission of Lancaster. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Stauffer is Director of the Towle Manufacturing Company. In religious matters he belongs to Old Trinity Lutheran Church, of whose vestry he is a member. Like his ancestors, Mr. Stauffer is a staunch Republican, and takes an interest in local affairs, but has never desired or sought office, preferring to devote all his time and attention to his business. Socially he is a member of the F. O. E., B. P. O. E., the Lancaster Maennerchor, Hamilton Club, Young Men's Republican Club, Citizen's Republican Club and other like organizations, in all of which he is very popular.

Although a young man, Mr. Stauffer has already made a record in his business of which he may well be proud, and judging the future by the light of the past, his success in time to come will be even greater, for he possesses the requisite qualities—energy, foresight and ability—to grasp opportunities when offered, and a thorough knowledge of his work. Outside his business connections Mr. Stauffer has many friends, and is popular with all on account of the genial manner and plesant attributes he possesses, and the kindly courtesy he accords those with whom he is brought into contact.

**WILLIS GROSS KENDIG, Esq.,** one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, comes from old and honored stock. John Kendig, his great-grandfather, came to America from Switzerland and settled in Lancaster county, and there his son, Daniel Kendig, was an ironmaster, owning much landed estate at Safe Harbor, this county.

Dr. Benjamin E. Kendig, son of Daniel, is a popular practicing physician at Salunga. He married Barbara Stauffer, daughter of John Stauffer, a farmer of Manor township, and of this union seven children were born, four of whom are living, as follows: Jerome S., a physician of Salunga; John D., a dentist at Manheim; Willis G.; and Esther C., who conducts a private kindergarten at Marietta.

Willis Gross Kendig was born at Salunga Sept. 23, 1874, and was educated in the public schools of the district, at the State Normal School at Millersville, and at Franklin and Marshall College. Then he studied dentistry for two years with his brother, who was at that time practicing in Shamokin. Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Kendig taught school for four years, in Conoy and West Hempfield townships, and then became a law student with Eugene G. Smith, Esq., now Judge of the Orphans court of Lancaster county. He was admitted to practice March 30, 1901.

On June 19, 1901, Mr. Kendig was married to Miss Henrietta M. Hassert, daughter of the late John Hassert, a prominent grocer of Philadelphia,

and they live in a charming home at No. 232 South Ann street. Mrs. Kendig is a lineal descendant of William the Conqueror; the original name of the family was Hazzard, instead of Hassert, as now written.

Mr. Kendig belongs to no secret societies. His religious connection is with the First M. E. Church of Lancaster. Courteous at all times, devoted to his profession, and sterling in his character, he has every promise of a bright, useful and successful future.

**ISAAC H. WEAVER**, one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens of Lancaster, and one of the most extensive dealers of leaf tobacco in this part of the county, is indebted for his success solely to his own efforts, to sterling integrity and due regard for the best interests of those with whom he has to deal. He was born in West Lampeter, this county, April 17, 1864, and from his parents, Isaac and Martha (Hoover) Weaver, inherited habits of thrift and enterprise. The mother died in Fertility, East Lampeter, March 20, 1894, at the age of sixty-nine, and was buried in Longnecker's cemetery, connected with the Mennonite Church, of which she was a devout member. The father, a retired farmer, who owns several fine country properties, and was very successful during his active life, is living in East Lampeter at the age of seventy-eight, having been born in April, 1824. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is prominent in the locality where he has lived for so many years. To himself and wife were born: Susan, who married Jacob L. Houser, a farmer of West Lampeter; Mary, deceased wife of E. H. Denlinger; Emma, who became the wife of S. O. Frantz, farmer and manager of the New Ideal Seat Company of Rohrerstown, Pa.; and Isaac H.

Until his twenty-fourth year Isaac H. Weaver lived on the paternal farm, assisting his father in the manifold duties there presented, at the same time acquiring a liberal education at the district schools. His first outside business venture was as a buyer of leaf tobacco, in which occupation he has since acquired such pronounced success. Until Jan. 1, 1890, he purchased for others in the business, but after that he bought a tobacco business in Lancaster and at Strasburg, which he has since continued to conduct, and, in connection therewith, two other branches, located respectively at Dayton, Ohio, and West Carrollton, Ohio, which have also profited by his admirable management. In March, 1901, he bought his present warehouse, on North Prince street, where he employs fifty hands. In his Ohio houses he employs as many as seventy-five hands. He handles great quantities of leaf tobacco annually, and is an expert in judging of the value of this popular weed.

Mr. Weaver is active in the general affairs of his city, and among his other responsibilities is that of director of the Conestoga National Bank, to which position he was appointed in 1900. He is a Repub-



lican in political affiliation, and fraternally is associated with the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

On Sept. 26, 1894, Mr. Weaver married Edith, daughter of Christian and Barbara Bachman, and a native of Strasburg, Pa. Christian Bachman was born in Lancaster, Pa., and was an undertaker and furniture dealer of prominence during his active career. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Herbert B. and Edward B. Mr. Weaver is popular in business and social circles of Strasburg, and his many desirable and substantial personal characteristics have won and retained many friends.

CHARLES L. MOENCH, who has throughout his active years been active in the ministry of the Moravian Church, was born Feb. 20, 1855, in Lititz, Lancaster county, son of William N. and Louise M. (Schneider) Moench. When about three years old he removed with his parents to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood days, receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, and later attending the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. He graduated from the latter institution in 1875, and after spending two years as teacher at Nazareth Hall took a post-graduate course at Union Seminary, New York City. In May, 1878, he was ordained to the Moravian ministry and served in pastoral charges at the following places: Blairstown, Iowa; Hopedale, Wayne Co., Pa.; Philadelphia Second Church; Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa.; and Philadelphia First Church, his present incumbency. In 1897 and 1898 he acted as Principal of Linden Hall Seminary, at Lititz. At the synod of the Church held at Lititz in 1898 Rev. Mr. Moench was elected and consecrated a Bishop, and besides discharging his duties as pastor and Bishop, he is at the present time serving as President of the Board of Trustees of Linden Hall Seminary, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. All in all he has proved himself an efficient worker in his chosen field, in the educational as well as the strictly spiritual interests of the Moravian Church, and his services have a distinctive value.

EDGAR FILLMORE FULTON, merchant and postmaster at McSparran, Lancaster county, is a well-known and leading citizen. He was born in Cecil county, Md., May 4, 1856, a son of Minshell and Harriet Cecilia (Osborn) Fulton, natives of Harford county, Maryland.

John Fulton, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster county and removed to Cecil county, Md., where he built the homestead where Edgar F., the subject of this sketch, was born and reared. The family is related to the great Robert Fulton, inventor of steamboats, and is of English origin. John Fulton, the grandfather, was the father of six children: Benjamin; Rachel, who is the wife of Theodore Marshall, resides in Cecil county, at the age of eighty-

one years; Cyrus and Mary, who died at about the ages of fourteen and sixteen years, respectively; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Brown, of Cecil county; and Minshell, who was born in Cecil county, Md., in 1823, and died in 1897.

Minshell Fulton was the father of a family of four children: John, who is a farmer of Fulton township; Edgar F., of this sketch; and William M. and Joseph, both residents of Cecil county.

Edgar F. Fulton was married to Miss Hannah L. Reynolds, of Fulton township, Jan. 24, 1884. They have no children. Her sister Sarah is the wife of William Bicknell, of Fulton township.

Mr. Fulton was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of Cecil county. After moving to Pennsylvania, he began, at the age of seventeen years to clerk in a country store in Kirk's Mills, Lancaster county. He remained there for three years, and then went back to Cecil county to engage in general merchandising for himself. He returned to Pennsylvania, and remained in Little Britain for four years, when he again moved, finding a home in McSparran, where he continues to reside. Mr. Fulton started out in life without a dollar, but by hard work and strict economy has accumulated a fair competency. He owns a good store property and stock of general merchandise, has a nice farm of ninety acres near McSparran, with first class improvements. In fact he is a leading business man of his neighborhood, and is regarded as a leader in the business and social circles of the entire section. He is a director and stockholder in the Oxford National Bank, at Oxford, Chester county, besides having other interests.

EPHRAIM HULL SHAUB, assistant highway commissioner of Lancaster, is one of the best known men of that city. His grandfather, Christian Shaub, was a veteran in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, having had charge of the station at Leaman Place for many years. His death occurred in Lancaster, in which city he had lived retired for a long period.

Jacob H. Shaub, father of Ephraim H., is now living retired in Lancaster. He, too, served many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company, a great part of the time as a conductor. He married Hetty Ann Hull, who was a daughter of the late Jacob Hull, a pump manufacturer of Strasburg. Her mother was Lydia Potts, a member of the large and influential family of that name in southern Lancaster county. Two of her uncles were in the Pennsylvania railroad service also for a great many years, and one of them received a gold watch from the road for making a phenomenal run upon one occasion.

Children as follows were born to Jacob H. Shaub and his wife: Two who have passed away; Harry, who is chief engineer of the fire department of Lewistown, occupying also a responsible position with the Standard Steel Company of that place; A.







A., who is connected with the Harrisburg Silk Mill; Lydia, who is the wife of William Keller, of Lancaster, a retired soldier, who served thirty-one years in the United States army, and was then retired as ordnance sergeant on two-thirds pay, the only instance of this kind in Lancaster county; Ella, wife of George Kaufman; Anna C., a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster; and Ephraim H. In November, 1901, the parents celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage, an event which created wide interest among their large circle of friends.

Ephraim Hull Shaub was born in Conestoga Center, Jan. 29, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster. His first employment was in one of the cotton mills in the city, where he remained for a period of five years, becoming then an apprentice in the printing business with Pearsol & Geist, and remaining in the employ of Mr. Geist for almost thirty-one years continuously, the connection being mutually pleasant and profitable. On April 1, 1901, Mr. Shaub was made assistant highway commissioner of Lancaster, which position he fills with fidelity and ability.

Mr. Shaub was married to Miss Susan B. Imhoff, a daughter of the late Jacob Imhoff, a distiller of Petersburg, and two children were born to this union: Leila M., at home; and Esther M., at school. The family residence is a most comfortable one at No. 25 West James street, Lancaster, where both Mr. Shaub and his estimable wife delight to dispense hospitality.

Fraternally Mr. Shaub belongs to the Order of American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias. He is a generous supporter of Grace Lutheran Church. The family is well and favorably known throughout Lancaster, and personally, socially and politically, Ephraim H. Shaub is esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

C. S. ROWE, one of the well-known and respected citizens of Providence township, and the owner and operator of an excellent farm, was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 8, 1854, son of John B. and Ann (Shaub) Rowe, both natives of Lancaster county.

John B. Rowe, the father of C. S., was born in 1826, married, in 1852, Ann Shaub, who was born in 1831, and they had a family of six children, viz.: C. S., our subject; John M. of Drumore township; and Misses Emma L., Mary, Amanda, and Franklin, all of Eden township. John B. Rowe was a farmer all his life, and he was a son of Adam Rowe, also a native of Providence township, who had these children: Henry, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Ann, Samuel and Adam.

C. S. Rowe passed his boyhood days on the farm and in attendance upon the public schools. He has always been known as an energetic and industrious man, and is now reckoned among the best farmers of Providence township. He is a Republican in his

political sentiments, and takes a deep interest in educational matters, serving for some time as one of the efficient directors of his township.

On Nov. 7, 1878, Mr. Rowe was married to Miss Harriet Lyne, daughter of Simon and Ann (Reseller) Lyne, of Strasburg township, and this union has been blessed with three children, namely: Annie M., born March 24, 1880; Daisy A., born May 29, 1882; and Myrtle E., born March 25, 1892. Mrs. Rowe was born June 8, 1853, the others of her family being as follows: Alfred, deceased; John, a farmer of Drumore township; Susan, the wife of Wesley C. Shirk, a carpenter of Providence township; Emma, deceased; Martha, the wife of Aaron Conckle, of Providence township; and George, of East Drumore township.

Mr. Rowe and family are held in high esteem in Providence township. He is notably honest and upright in his dealings with others, attends closely to his business, and carefully guards the welfare of his wife and children, living up to the high standard of Christian citizenship.

DAVID K. PATTON, general farmer and ex-horse dealer, of Cambridge, Salisbury township, and one of its prominent and substantial citizens, was born in Salisbury township April 19, 1855, son of Samuel and Anna (Mearing) Patton, of Salisbury and East Earl townships, respectively.

Samuel Patton was born in 1822, and was a carpenter by trade, but also followed farming and continued engaged in the latter occupation until his retirement from activity, in 1882. Through his active life he was much interested in public and educational matters, serving four years as school director, and he now resides on his farm in East Earl township. The children born to Samuel and Anna (Mearing) Patton were as follows: Newton C., who is a coach manufacturer at Sherman, Texas; Emma, who married Adam Sullenberger, resides in Salisbury township; David K., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, deceased, the wife of Taylor Bair; Lydia, who married John Groff, a farmer near Des Moines, Iowa; Anna, who married Jacob Showalter, a farmer of New Holland; Cora, who married Addison Wanner, a farmer of Chester county, Pa.; and Miss Amanda and Miss Mary, at home.

The early life of David K. Patton was spent in farm work, and in attendance on the district schools of his locality. He remained at home until his marriage. In 1874 he began to learn the carpenter trade, with Josiah Hummel, in East Earl township, and followed this trade at various intervals for some six years, when he rented a farm of Levi Bard in West Earl township. This farm Mr. Patton retained for fifteen years, when he came to his present property. While living in West Earl township Mr. Patton dealt extensively in horses, and he is a very good judge of cattle and stock of all kinds. He was very prominent in township affairs, was school director and deacon in the Reformed Church. In



politics Mr. Patton is a Republican, and one of the most intelligent and well-read men of this locality. His interest in educational matters has always been deep, and he has given his children every possible advantage, his eldest daughter being afforded a collegiate education.

On Nov. 21, 1881, Mr. Patton was married to Emma A. Hahn, and the children born to this union were: Miss Mable B.; Mary A. H., who died young; Park H., who died young; Alma A., Pierce H. and Harold H., all at home.

Mrs. Emma A. (Hahn) Patton was born in Hinkletown, Pa., in 1854, daughter of Chambers and Eliza (Carpenter) Hahn, of Hinkletown and Earl township, respectively. By trade Mr. Hahn was a carpenter who lived in retirement during the latter years of his life, his death occurring Feb. 6, 1901, at the age of seventy-three years. His burial was in the Bergstrasse Church cemetery, in Ephrata township. The mother of Mrs. Patton died in 1875, at the age of fifty-two years. She was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church, her husband being connected with the Reformed Church. Their children were as follows: Frances, who married Elias Killean, of Reamstown; Harvey, who is a carpenter, contractor and builder at Ephrata; Emma A., who is Mrs. Patton; Alice and Missouri, twins, the former the wife of Rolandus Buck, and the latter the wife of Henry Miller, in the cigar business in Lancaster; Roberta, who married John Brubaker, of Earl township; Jacob, a prominent contractor in La Grange, Ill.; Elmer, an equally prominent contractor, in Cleveland, Ohio; Horace, deceased, also a skilled builder and contractor; and Hester, who died young. The paternal grandparents were Daniel and Frances (Shirk) Hahn, of Lancaster county, and those on the maternal side were Michael and Julia (Kline) Carpenter, also of Lancaster county, all of these names being associated with old and prominent families.

FRANK S. GROFF, one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, is a well-known figure in the city of Lancaster. He is a descendant of Hans Groff, who settled near Grofdale, in West Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., where Christian Groff, the grandfather of Mr. Groff, was born.

Christian Groff married Susan, daughter of Valentine Ranck, who was one of the numerous family of that name living in Lancaster county. They had six children, Mary, Daniel, Jacob, Samuel, Christian and Isaac, of whom Mary is now the only survivor. She is the widow of James H. Robinson, and resides in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa. The Groffs and Rancks were members of the Mennonite Church.

Daniel Groff was born June 12, 1816, in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa., near Cambridge, and there spent his entire life. He married Rachael Edwards, daughter of David and Rachael McKinley Edwards, respected farming people of the

same township. Eight children were born to them, to wit: David McKinley Groff is superintendent of the wheel department of the Columbia Wagon Company, and resides in Lancaster city; he married Emma McCowan. Mary F. Groff (deceased) was married to George M. Robinson, of White Horse, Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa. S. Lavinia Groff is the wife of Owen Guiney, a farmer of Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa. James H. Groff is a cattle dealer of Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa; he married Annie Myers. Frank S. Groff is mentioned below. R. Josephine Groff is the wife of William Martin, of Parkersburg, Chester Co., Pa., who is in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad. Daniel Clarence Groff is a farmer near Haddonfield, N. J.; he married Katie Wanner. Jacob Brinton Groff is a farmer of Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa.; he married Annie Guiney. Daniel Groff, the father of this family, was a miller by trade, but of later years took up the occupation of farming. He died Jan. 9, 1894. The mother, who survives, makes her home for the greater part of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Guiney.

Frank S. Groff, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Aug. 13, 1861, at the old homestead in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Cambridge and Honey Brook. He afterward studied under private teachers, and when seventeen years of age became a teacher in the public schools, teaching eleven years in all, six years in Salisbury, two years in East Earl, two years in Earl and one year in Leacock townships, Lancaster Co., Pa. While a resident of Salisbury township he served two years as tax collector and nine years as a justice of the peace, being first commissioned in May, 1889. On Nov. 15, 1889, he registered as a law student in the office of Brown & Hensel, and after two years of assiduous study passed the final examination and was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county, Nov. 20, 1891. During the time he served as justice of the peace he transacted a great deal of civil and criminal business, and gained a practical insight of the law as practiced in justice courts. He resigned the office of justice of the peace in 1898, before the expiration of his last term, and located in Lancaster city, where he has devoted his time to the practice of law. He has been admitted to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania and enjoys a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Library Association and the Lancaster County Bar Association.

In 1898, in a triangular contest for District Attorney in the Republican nomination, viz.: W. T. Brown, Frank S. Groff and Thomas Whitson, Mr. Brown received the nomination and was elected. Mr. Groff polled 8,180 votes, the largest vote ever received by a defeated candidate in a triangular contest for that office. During the canvass he formed a wide acquaintance among the voters of





the county, and in the spring of 1901 he was nominated for the office of District Attorney by the Republican party of the county without opposition, and was elected in November, 1901, taking charge of the office in January, 1902. Mr. Groff is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and during the Presidential and gubernatorial campaigns he actively engages in the work of teaching the principles of his party from the stump.

Mr. Groff married Miss Ida R. Bowers, a daughter of Levi and Lydia Bowers, of Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1881. Two children have been born to them: (1) Lowell E. Groff, born Jan. 9, 1882, attended Franklin and Marshall Academy for two years, and prepared to enter the college of that name, but instead left the academy and went on board the school ship "Saratoga," from which he graduated in October, 1900. He is now in the employ of the New York Telephone Company, of New York City. (2) Ira P. Groff, who was born Aug. 10, 1886, is a student of the Lancaster City High School.

GEORGE B. MCGINNESS, now residing in Frederick City, Md., was a respected citizen of Columbia, where he was born May 25, 1862, and where he has spent the greater part of his life, honored by all who know him because of his many sterling qualities of mind and heart. He is a son of John J. McGinness and his wife, Sarah Adair.

John J. McGinness was a canal boatman, and was so highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen that for seventeen years he held the office of constable, discharging its duties with a courage, fidelity and intelligence which won for him unstinted praise. He died in May, 1875, shortly before completing his forty-ninth year. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1869. Both were earnest Christians; he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, while she was of the Lutheran faith. They were the parents of seven children, George B. being the fourth. John J., the eldest, as well as Grant and Sadie, the two youngest, are deceased. Alfonso, the oldest living son, is a carpenter, living in Denver, Colo. Irene, the first born daughter, married Page Brown, who successfully conducts a laundry at Seattle, Wash. Anna is the widow of the late Frank Butzer, of Millersville.

The marriage of George B. McGinness took place on Nov. 28, 1889, at Frederick City, Md., his bride being Miss Kate Jacobs, the eldest daughter of Emanuel and Louisa (Morgan) Jacobs, both of whom are yet living in Frederick. Mr. Jacobs was born July 11, 1815, and is a huckster. His wife came into the world Dec. 26, 1844. Both are members of the United Brethren Church. The younger brothers and sisters of Mrs. McGinness were Clara, John H., Ella M., Charles, Grover C. and Marshall. Clara is the widow of William J. Sturquel, of Baltimore, in which city John H. also has a home. Ella M. is Mrs. Robert Rippeon, of Frederick. The

younger children, with exception of Marshall, who died in childhood, live with their parents, neither of them being married. To Mr. and Mrs. McGinness four children have been born: Sarah L., Anna E., John A. and Clara M.

WILLIAM SPRENGER BARNHOLT, head of the firm of W. S. Barnholt & Co., correspondents of J. B. Fleschman & Co., commission and stock jobbers of Philadelphia, is one of the best known and most popular young men of Lancaster. He was born May 15, 1873, son of Edward Barnholt, who has been for many years past the leading detective of the city. In the fall of 1900 he purchased the "Mountville Hotel," of which he took charge the following spring. Edward Barnholt married Emma Winters, daughter of Cyrus Winters, a prominent merchant tailor of Lancaster, and they have had eight children: William S., Cyrus W. and Adam, all three of whom have learned the art of telegraphy, and have followed it at times; John S.; Hay Brown; Mabel; Emma; and Helen.

William Sprenger Barnholt was educated in the common schools of Lancaster. Leaving school at the age of fifteen, he spent some time in Fraim's Lock Works, and then in Brown & Hensel's law offices, finally entering the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger boy. There he remained until he was twenty-one years old, becoming a thorough master of the art and science of telegraphy. For four years he was with the Postal Telegraph Company, serving as manager the last two years, and then returned to the Western Union, to take the position of manager, which he held until 1898. That year he resigned, and he and his brother, Cyrus, became the correspondents of J. B. Fleschman & Co., opening an office at No. 43 North Queen street. After two years of unusual success they removed to the magnificent quarters they now occupy, in the new Woolworth building, on the corner of North Queen and Grant streets.

Mr. Barnholt and Miss Maud Binkley were married Oct. 17, 1894. Mrs. Barnholt is a daughter of John L. Binkley, and belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster. They have become the parents of two children: Mary, who died in infancy, and Lewis, a bright little fellow of five years. Mr. Barnholt is as popular socially as he is in business circles, and has a host of friends. He belongs to the Young Republican Club, the Elks, the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the fraternal Order of Eagles. Both himself and his wife are associated with Grace Lutheran Church. A natural wit, a good singer and of a most genial nature, Mr. Barnholt is much sought socially, and his presence anywhere is a signal for good fellowship and enjoyment.

FRANKLIN M. HEISTAND, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township July 13, 1855, son of Christian J. and





Elizabeth (Moore) Heistand, of East Hempfield and Penn townships.

Christian Heistand, the father, who was born Nov. 24, 1821, died in Florin, Pa., Dec. 9, 1896, and is buried in the cemetery in Mt. Joy. He was a farmer during his early life, but for twenty years prior to his death was engaged in the milling business. For a number of years he was a director in the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy. His widow, who was born June 21, 1822, now resides in Florin. There were born to their union the following children: Daniel, a miller, residing on the family place in Mt. Joy township; Amos, a farmer of West Donegal township; Simon, deceased; John, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Franklin M., subject of this sketch; Harriet, wife of Samuel Myers, a farmer of Lebanon county; and Emanuel, who died in youth. Mr. Heistand's paternal grandparents were Christian and Catherine (Heistand) Heistand, of Lancaster county. The grandfather was during his lifetime a distiller of large means, being a director of a bank, holder of turnpike stock, and was a man of prominence in his district. He retired in the latter days of his life. Mr. Heistand's grandfather on his mother's side was named Michael Moore.

On Sept. 29, 1878, Franklin M. Heistand was married to Miss Barbara Shelley, of Rapho township. The following children have been born to this marriage: Elizabeth S., wife of Samuel G. Nohrenhold, who lives on the old Heistand homestead; and Emma S., Anna S., Fanny S., Amanda S. and Barbara S., all of whom reside at home with their parents. Mrs. Barbara (Shelley) Heistand was born Jan. 11, 1858, in Rapho township, daughter of Benjamin B. and Eliza (Shaub) Shelley.

Mr. Heistand lived with his parents until the time of his marriage. He received his education in the schools of the county, and was employed during a greater part of his time at work on the farm. After marrying he sought employment at various places for two years, after which he took a farm on shares for three years. He then bought his present farm and has prospered finely ever since. He retired from active duties in the spring of 1901, and since that time has taken life easily. The family are members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and are also prominent in the social circles of the township. Mr. Heistand is a man of more than the average ability, and has taken a prominent part in the economic affairs of his district. He is well regarded by the whole community.

JOHN MICHAEL SNYDER (deceased) was for many years a well-known citizen of Lancaster, and was the genial and popular host of several of the leading hotels of that city. His birth occurred in 1851, in Germany, and his death took place Dec. 22, 1889, in Lancaster, where he was interred. His parents were George M. and Anna M. (Snyder) Snyder, natives of Baden, Germany, who came to Lancaster in November, 1851. The father's busi-

ness was that of a tobacco grower. He died May 5, 1888, at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife surviving until Feb. 8, 1891, when she was also sixty-seven years old. They were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. Their children were as follows: John Michael; Martin, a hotel-keeper at Middletown, Pa.; Lawrence, deceased; J. Adam, a hotel-keeper in Lancaster; David, a cigar manufacturer at Newark, N. J.; and Mary, wife of John McGinnis, of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania.

On Jan. 31, 1875, John Michael Snyder was married, in Lancaster, to Mary Getz, who was born in 1852, in Lancaster, a daughter of George F. and Magdalena (Herzog) Getz, both natives of Germany. The Getz family is well known in Lancaster, as both parents came there in youth, prior to their marriage. Mr. Getz carried on a baker business, and was also a drover. In 1865 he removed his family to Lima, Ohio, where he died in 1870. The mother still resides on her farm near Lima. She was born July 16, 1832. Both were consistent members of the German Reformed Church. They became the parents of the following named children: Jacob C., who was killed in a gold mine in Colorado; George F., who died in infancy; George F. (2), who resides with his mother on her farm; John W., who resides in Los Angeles, Cal., and operates a greenhouse; Julius B., who served in the Spanish war; and Mary, who married Mr. Snyder.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder were as follows: Mary M., widow of Emil Holtz, who resides with her mother, and has four children, Emil H., Anna M., Lena E. and Lewis; John M., who resides at home; Harry M., a cigarmaker in Lancaster, who married Catherine Anderson; Charles D., deceased; James A. G., who is at home; George F., deceased; Anna M., deceased; and George M., who is at home.

Mr. Snyder was only four months old when his parents brought him to Lancaster, and there he attended school until the age of fourteen, when he began cigarmaking with Jacob Fry. He followed that trade in several States, until 1877, when he took charge of Schoenberger's Park, operating same for several years, and then went into the hotel business, conducting an inn on Manor street for several years, and the "Plow Tavern" very successfully for eight years. Mr. Snyder then retired to private life, moving to No. 803 Manor street, but lived only a few weeks to enjoy its comforts. He was a member of the social organization the Shiliter Verein, and was also connected with the K. of P. and the Red Men, and in politics was identified with the Republican party. His religious membership was with Christ Lutheran Church.

The second marriage of Mrs. Snyder was to Robert E. L. Tomlin, who was a son of Robert Tomlin, and was born in Alexandria, Va. His business was tobacco packing. One daughter was born to this marriage, Ida Corinne M., who resides at home. Mrs. Tomlin is a lady of ample means, and



is very highly regarded in the community for her many most estimable traits. Her acquaintance is large and she numbers her friends by the score.

JOSEPH R. ROYER, a confectioner of Lancaster, was born on the family farm in Manheim township, Lancaster county, March 5, 1835, son of Joseph and Catherine (Royer) Royer, and grandson of Joseph Royer. Both father and grandfather were natives of Manheim township, while Mr. Royer's mother was a daughter of Joseph Royer, of Clay township.

Joseph Royer, father of Joseph R., died in May, 1843, at the age of forty-one years, and is remembered as one of the intelligent and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, having taken a leading position in his community. A man of broad and progressive ideas, he was the first farmer in Lancaster county to own a threshing machine, which was made by Kirkpatrick; it was the subject of much interest at the time of its introduction into the county. Mrs. Royer, who died in 1876, was a woman of gentle spirit, and was much beloved in the circle of her acquaintance. Both were members of the Dunkard Church. They were the parents of the following family: Israel, now deceased; Sarah, widow of John Batruff, of Perry county, Pa.; David, living in Lancaster; Catherine, deceased; Joseph R.; Frances, deceased wife of Clement Gritner, who went to North Carolina from Lititz; Martin, deceased; and Tobias, an ex-soldier, now living retired at home on Duke street, Lancaster.

Joseph R. Royer started out for himself when hardly ten years of age, and secured work on a farm at four dollars a month, then considered very high wages for so young a boy. Remaining on the farm until he was thirteen years old, and having accumulated seventy dollars, the enterprising young lad went to Mt. Joy, where he began at the trade of saddle and harness making under Christian Martin, with whom he finished the trade. For seven years Mr. Royer carried on his trade at Petersburg, Pa., and was there when the Civil war broke out, having become quite a prominent character, holding the position of postmaster, and being proprietor and manager of the village hotel. He was intensely interested in the Union cause, and in the spring of 1862 raised a company near Petersburg, of which he was commissioned second lieutenant; the command was organized for the defense of Chambersburg. Late the same year a company was organized at Petersburg, in which he was also second lieutenant. This command was attached to the 157th P. V. I., which regiment in March, 1863, was stationed at Washington for the defense of that city, where it was held until February of the following year. Upon arrival at Washington Mr. Royer was made quartermaster, and served as such until his capture by the Rebels, April 13, 1864. Mr. Royer, while still at Washington, had become first lieutenant, and accompanied the regiment to Fairfax, Va., where, as noted in the preced-

ing paragraph, he was taken prisoner while out for supplies at Gaines' Mills. For six weeks he was held at Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., was at Danville, Va., two weeks, and was then sent to Macon, Ga., from which point he was sent to Charleston, and kept under fire for six weeks. The breaking out of yellow fever necessitated their removal to Columbia, S. C., where they were confined in a stockade from November until the following February, being herded together like sheep, and were driven to Wilmington, N. C., at which point they were exchanged March 13, 1865. Mr. Royer on his return to the service was made quartermaster of the 191st P. V. I., and served in that capacity until the close of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865. When he was captured he was shot through the hand, was reported dead, and for six months was regarded by his people as lost.

For about a year after Mr. Royer's enlistment his wife conducted his business, but finding it too much of a burden she disposed of it, and gave up the post office as well. When Mr. Royer came home he rested for only about two weeks, and then took up the work of civil life as strenuously as he had his army work. Going to York, he bought a number of horses from the Government, and sold out at a good profit in about ten days. After the successful conclusion of this enterprise he came to Lancaster and bought out the confectionery store of Charles Eden, located at the corner of Prince and West King streets, where he was engaged for some two years, at the expiration of that time buying the Whiteside property, on West King street. This he rebuilt, and he became noted as the first merchant in Lancaster with a plate glass front to his store. It was of French plate, which at that time was very expensive, and attracted much attention to the business which he established at that point, and which became popular at once. Mr. Royer was also the first man in the city to put his name on his delivery wagon. He has the oldest business in his line in the city, and his name is known throughout the county by a host of friends and patrons. He was one of the first in this part of the State to make ice cream soda, advertising it as early as 1868, and was the first man in the city to open that line.

Mr. Royer is intensely devoted to his business, at which he works many hours a day, and calculates that if the time it had absorbed out of life were measured by ten hours a day labor he would have spent eighty years at it. He is still a young-looking man, and few would imagine him to be above fifty years. In disposition he is a warm-hearted and genial gentleman, with many friends throughout the county.

Joseph R. Royer and Miss Annie Shuman, of Manor township, daughter of Amos B. Shuman, were married in Manor, where her father was long a prominent farmer. This union was blessed with the following children: (1) Minnie, who was the wife of William Rush, died at the age of twenty-five. (2) Milton is associated with his father, having charge of the factory. He is married. (3) Joseph C. is







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married, and is a professional musician in New York. (4) Clarence de Vaux, a musical director, is a graduate of some of the most noted musical universities in Europe, where he studied under some of the most noted masters of the day. In 1881 the mother of these died, and Mr. Royer and Miss Leah Balmer, daughter of Andrew Balmer, of Lancaster, were married. She died in 1891, and on June 5, 1893, Mr. Royer married Miss Viola Smaling, daughter of Jacob Smaling, of Lancaster.

As might be expected from his long and creditable service at the front, Mr. Royer is deeply interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, being associated with George Thomas Post, No. 84, of that patriotic order. He is also a member of the K. of G. E.

**JOHN BANZHOF.** The larger number of the excellent farms of Lancaster county are owned and operated by descendants of German ancestors, and one of this class who possesses a valuable and most desirable farm in Strasburg township is John Banzhof.

David Banzhof, the father, was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to the United States while still a young man, locating in the rich and fertile county of Lancaster, after a short sojourn in Philadelphia, where he engaged in his trade of cooper. His first home was in Montgomery county, but he made no long stop there, his inclinations leading him into Lancaster. His first employer in Strasburg was Samuel Brubaker, and from there he went to the shop of Samuel Eshleman, near Martinsville, quietly pursuing his trade and accumulating means, so that in 1859 he was prepared to buy a small place in the eastern part of Strasburg township, and there he established a coopering shop of his own. In connection with his trade he operated a small farm, and lived until Jan. 4, 1899, dying at the age of seventy-two years and four months. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The latter was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1832, and she still survives. They were the parents of nine children: Jacob, who operates a planing mill in Lancaster; John, of this sketch; Annie, who married David Hornish, of Brownstown; David, who died at the age of nineteen; Christian, who lives on the old homestead; Katherine, a trained nurse, a graduate of the Philadelphia Training school, residing in Baltimore; Mary, who married Edwin Aulthouse, of Paradise township; Emma, who married Dr. W. J. Wilkinson, of Philadelphia; and Magdalena, also a trained nurse, a graduate of the Philadelphia Training school, and a resident of Baltimore.

John Banzhof, the second child of the family, was born in Strasburg township Aug. 7, 1859, and grew up on the farm and learned his father's trade. His education was pursued in the public schools, and he remained at home associated with his father, until about the age of twenty-two, when he began

the carpenter trade, taking his first instruction from John Johnson, but later was under his brother Jacob's teaching, and developed into a fine workman. For the succeeding five or six years he followed the carpenter's trade, but in 1889 located on his present farm, since then becoming its owner, and here he carries on a general line of farming. This is a tract of sixty-seven acres, and Mr. Banzhof has proved that he is not only a very reliable carpenter, but also a first-class farmer. As an indication that he has by no means forgotten the skill of his craft, he has made many very desirable and attractive improvements upon his farm, although he finds no time for such employment for others.

Mr. Banzhof was married on Dec. 11, 1890, to Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, a daughter of John and Frances (Hess) Brubaker, who was born in Strasburg township Jan. 9, 1864. They have a family of four children: J. David, born Dec. 17, 1891; Fannie Magdalena, born Nov. 11, 1896; Willis John, born Nov. 16, 1897; and Marie, born April 20, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Banzhof are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and the family is one which is greatly respected in Strasburg township.

**HARRY BACKENSTOE ROOP, M. D.** During the few years which Dr. Roop has practiced in Columbia he has amply attested his professional skill and has won a large and lucrative practice. He possesses those personal qualities which are essential in spheres of wide professional influence, and easily ranks among the foremost of the younger medical practitioners of his borough.

The paternal grandparents of Dr. Roop were natives of Germany, people of devout and industrious character. They emigrated to America and settled in Dauphin county, Pa., where the grandfather followed farming. He also officiated frequently as a local minister of the Gospel.

Henry J. Roop, his son, and the father of Dr. Harry B., was born in Highspire, Dauphin county, where he was reared, and where he received a good common school education. He engaged in agriculture for many years, on a beautiful farm of about 300 acres, part of which is the site of the borough of Highspire. In 1884 he built a fine residence, on a commanding part of his farm, in which he is living a retired life. He married Miss Justina Backenstoe, daughter of John Backenstoe. She died in 1883, aged forty-five years. To them were born five children, namely: Hervis U. Roop, A. M. Ph. D., who is president of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.; Harry B., subject of this sketch; Della F., who married Prof. B. F. Daugherty, A. M., Ph. D., professor of Latin at Lebanon Valley College; Sarah, who is at home with her father; and William, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College. The father is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, and a highly respected citizen of Highspire.

Harry B. Roop was born at Highspire, Dau-





phin county, Feb. 24, 1870. He was reared on the home farm, and there remained up to the age of eighteen years, when he entered Lebanon Valley College, graduating from that institution in 1892. Choosing medicine as his profession, he entered the office of Dr. H. McDaniel, at Highspire, as a student, and in the fall of 1893 matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his degree of M. D. in the spring of 1897. Dr. Roop located at Columbia, where he has since continued successfully in practice.

In religious faith the Doctor is a member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Republican. He is affiliated with the lodges of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P. at Columbia, and Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E., at Lancaster, and in social life is one of the leading spirits. However, his professional duties absorb most of his time, for his practice is large. His interest in his work amounts almost to enthusiasm, and he devotes a large share of his attention to the current progress made in medicine and surgery.

**JAMES HAWKINS SPOTTS**, a member of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., successors to Myers & Rathfon, merchant tailors and clothiers on East King Street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old family, whose first progenitors in America came from Germany and settled in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, where the grandfather of James H., who was a farmer, lived and died.

Joseph Spotts, his son, and the father of James H., was an undertaker, and lived for many years in Churchtown. For a time he was in the West, and then returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Chester county, where he made his home in Downingtown, and he built up a fine business. He came to an untimely and tragic end, being struck by a passing train and killed while crossing the railroad track. This occurred in 1875, when he was fifty-three years old. His widow, Mrs. Barbara (Ax) Spotts, belonged to the prominent Ax family of Churchtown. She still survives, carrying her years easily, and retaining all the faculties of body and mind in a serene and beautiful old age. She was the mother of ten children, only four of whom survive: Bertha, wife of George W. Lewis, of Philadelphia, a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, who has been in the service of that company for more than thirty-five years; Frances, wife of Allen S. Heller, a builder of Philadelphia; Hallie, wife of Milton H. Stanley, of Phoenixville, also in the Pennsylvania railroad service; and James H., of Lancaster.

James Hawkins Spotts has had a most interesting history. He was born in Churchtown March 25, 1868, and after being educated in Downingtown and New Holland came to Lancaster to take a position as clerk in the "Leopard Hotel," which he held for two years. For a year he was employed at the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad in

Philadelphia, and then entered the Lancaster clothing house of Myers & Rathfon, where he has remained to the present time, and of which he is now one of the proprietors. It was in 1888 that he entered this house, and as the years have passed his worth has become manifest, as he personally superintends the manufacturing of clothing, doing all the purchasing of ready-made goods, and buying the material for the factory.

Mr. Spotts was married, in November, 1890, to Miss Adelle Dora Frankenfield, daughter of Prof. H. L. Frankenfield, a widely-known teacher of band music, as well as composer and publisher of music, who served in the 5th N. Y. Heavy Artillery as leader of a regimental band during the Civil war, the musicians who served under him being his devoted friends to the present day. From this union one child was born, Dorothy, a lovely little girl, who entered into rest April 19, 1902, in the sixteenth month of her age.

Mr. Spotts belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church, of Lancaster. His political relations are with the Republican party, and he served as a member of the Republican City Committee for three years, as a representative from the Second ward. He also belongs to the Young Men's Republican Club. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Artisans, and the Mutual Benefit Association of New York. He is a genial, clever and well-rounded man, and deservedly enjoys the good-will of a host of friends.

**GEORGE K. GARRETT**, a well-known and respected farmer of Martic township, born March 14, 1848, was a son of Henry and Annie Garrett, of Conestoga township.

Henry Garrett, the father, died when our subject was but three years of age. He was the father of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of John Finnen, of New Danville, Pa.; Mary, deceased; Annie, deceased; Amos, a resident of Safe Harbor; Leah, the wife of Philip Mowery; Barbara, the wife of Walter Albright, of Lancaster; George K., of this sketch; and Catherine, the wife of Samuel Peters, of Colemanville.

George K. Garrett is an example of what may be accomplished by the exercise of perseverance, industry and economy. The early death of his father left the large family in reduced circumstances, and when he was but a lad it became necessary for him to begin his struggle with life for himself. It is a source of satisfaction for him to see how well he has accomplished this. His educational advantages were those provided in the district schools, and all his life labor has been along agricultural lines. He now owns a fine farm comprising 160 acres of valuable land, with excellent improvements. Some of this farm was purchased in 1895, when he secured it for \$20 per acre. He is known through the township as an excellent farmer, industrious and reliable, and he has a wide circle of attached friends.





In 1889 Mr. Garrett was married to Miss Alice Fawkes, of Philadelphia, daughter of Walker Fawkes, and the two children born of this marriage are: Mary and Walter. Mr. Garrett is one of the leading Republicans of Martic township and is a member of the board of school directors. He has the good of his community at heart, and generously supports all moral and educational enterprises looking toward its advancement. He is a useful citizen, a kind neighbor and an exemplary husband and father, in fact is one of the men of whom Martic township has reason to feel proud.

**ROCHOW.** The Rochow family of Columbia, Lancaster county, was founded in America by the late William Rochow, whose sad and tragic death occurred at his home in Columbia early on the morning of April 7, 1900.

William Rochow was born in Strelitz, grand duchy of Mecklenburg, Germany, Jan. 15, 1820, the only child of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Miller) Rochow, the former of whom was master and owner of a sail boat, handled freight, and died in 1852, at the age of fifty-three years; the latter came to America with her son, William, in 1857, and first located in Bridgeport, Montgomery Co., Pa., where William resided one year; he then passed a year in Norristown, a year in Philadelphia, and then came to Columbia, after six months assisting a friend in the dyeing department of a woolen factory. He here turned his attention to the junk trade, bought and sold hides, bones, cast-off articles of all kinds, did a lucrative business until 1886, and then retired in favor of his son, Charles. Mrs. Wilhelmina Rochow, mother of William, died in Columbia, Pa., at the age of seventy-one years.

William Rochow was first married in Berlin, Germany, to Emma Kaiser, and to this union were born the following children: William, a book-keeper in a hotel at St. Louis, Mo.; Charles, in the junk business at Columbia, Pa.; Ernest, a clerk for his brother, Charles; and Bertha, married to John Rensink, a contractor and builder in Chicago, Ill. The mother of the family was born in Berlin, was a daughter of Ferdinand Kaiser, and died in Columbia, Pa., in 1872, at the age of thirty-three years. The second marriage of William Rochow took place in Columbia in 1875, Rosa Knob becoming his wife. To this marriage was born one son, Albert, an attorney at York, Pennsylvania.

In alluding to the sad death of Mr. Rochow the *Columbia Daily News* of Saturday, April 7, 1900, gave the following account: "William Rochow died at his residence, No. 513 Locust street, shortly before two o'clock this morning, from the effects of burns received on Friday while taking a vapor bath. Mr. Rochow was burned in a shocking manner over his back, arms, hands and limbs, from which the skin hung in shreds and in some places his flesh was burned to a crisp. Everything known to medical science was resorted to, but the burns were

of such a character that little hopes for his recovery were entertained. During the afternoon he became delirious and it was with difficulty that he could be kept in bed and restrained from tearing the bandages from his wounds. At five o'clock last evening he grew very weak, and gradually sank into a state of unconsciousness, and remained in that condition until death came. His end was peaceful and apparently without pain."

In politics he was a Democrat, but would never accept an office. In religion he was a Lutheran and was a member of German Salem Lutheran Church. He was one of the substantial citizens of Columbia, and was a stockholder in the Central National Bank from its organization. He was public spirited, yet conservative, and acted only when he saw that the end to be accomplished was worthy of aid.

**CHARLES ROCHOW**, son of William and Emma (Kaiser) Rochow, was born in Columbia April 17, 1862, and is now his father's successor in business, dealing at wholesale (in scrap iron and metals). He has had experience in business elsewhere than in Columbia, but altogether in the tobacco trade, to wit: Six months in Philadelphia; two years in New York City; one and a half years in St. Louis, Mo.; and a year and a half in Chicago, Ill. In 1882 he returned to Columbia and joined his father, becoming proprietor as intimated above in 1886.

In August, 1885, Mr. Rochow was most happily united in marriage, in Columbia, with Miss Emma L. Harin, the accomplished daughter of William and Barbara Harin, the former a grocer in Columbia, the latter a native of Philadelphia. To Mr. and Mrs. Rochow have been born six children, in the following order: Rosa, Lillian, William, Walter, Charles and Robert. The family worship at the Salem Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Rochow is treasurer and member of the board of trustees. Mr. Rochow is an excellent man of business and ever alert and enterprising. He is a director in the Columbia Telephone Co., and was formerly its treasurer; he is likewise a director in the Central National Bank, and in the Loder Brewing Co., and energetic and fully up-to-date in all things. Socially he is very popular, and is a member of the Heptasophs, while in politics he is a Democrat, yet no office seeker.

**AMOS SHELLY**, a prominent and successful farmer, was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, July 30, 1857, and has always made his home in his native town.

David and Susannah (Herr) Shelly, his parents, were born, respectively, in Rapho and Lancaster townships. David Shelly was a son of Abraham Shelly, and was a farmer, who entered into rest in 1880, at the age of sixty-seven years, his remains being laid to rest in the Cross Roads Meeting House burying ground. The widowed mother, who now resides with her son in East Donegal township, was born in August, 1820. To David Shelly



and wife were born: Amos, whose name introduces this article; David, deceased; and Elias, a farmer in East Donegal township.

Previous to his marriage with Susannah Herr, David Shelly had wedded Susannah Engle, who became the mother of the following children: Martha, deceased, who married John M. Engle; Henry E., born July 18, 1839, now a farmer in Rapho township; Israel and Harriet, who both died unmarried; and Eli, a farmer in East Donegal township. Mrs. Susannah Engle died in 1850, at the age of thirty-six years. She was born in Rapho township, and with her parents belonged to the Dunkard Church.

Amos Shelly was married May 14, 1878, in Lancaster, to Fanny Nissley, by whom he became the father of these children: Emma, deceased; Amos N. and Ada N., at home; and Ellen N., deceased.

Mrs. Fanny (Nissley) Shelly was born in West Hempfield township May 13, 1858, a daughter of Christian E. and Fanny (Breneman) Nissley, both of whom were born and reared in Lancaster county. Her father died in Salunga, Pa., in 1880, at the age of seventy-one years. For eleven years prior to his death he lived retired, and for nine years he held the position of school director. His widow died in 1890, at the age of seventy years. Her remains were laid to rest in Landisville, Pa. They were honorable and upright people, much respected by all who knew them, and members of the Mennonite Church. They had eight children, of whom Henry B. is a farmer in East Donegal township; and Fanny is Mrs. Shelly.

Amos Shelly came to the farm where he is found to-day with his parents when he was eighteen years old, and here he has won for himself a very creditable standing among the leading citizens of the town. In religion he belongs to the Mennonite Church, and in politics is a Republican.

H. R. HEAGY, the very capable agent for the Pennsylvania railroad, at New Providence, is one of the most highly respected citizens of that township. He was born in the borough of Manheim Dec. 8, 1856, son of Francis and Lydia (Royer) Heagy, who were also residents of that part of Lancaster county. Francis Heagy was born in Germany, and came to America while still a youth. He is now a retired farmer of Penn township. His five children were: H. R., whose name opens this sketch; Catherine, wife of Frank Ritter, of Penn township; Elizabeth, wife of Cassius Snyder, of Manheim; John, of Penn township; and Frank, of Lancaster.

H. R. Heagy grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools. When nineteen years old he began to study telegraphy with J. B. Myer, of Lancaster Junction, and on March 1, 1877, he came to New Providence and took charge of the station at that point. His capital then consisted of his knowledge of his trade and his deter-

mination to succeed, and by steady application to his duties he soon gained the favor of his employers and gradually won his way into the esteem of the public. By a provident husbanding of his means Mr. Heagy soon became independent and acquired property, owning now a handsome residence and a prosperous business, in partnership with his son, in the lumber, coal and fertilizer line.

Mr. Heagy is a staunch Republican, and he was elected justice of the peace in 1893, efficiently performing the duties of that office ever since. He has been very prominent in the affairs of the Reformed Church in New Providence, and is president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

On July 11, 1882, Mr. Heagy married Miss Lydia Groff, daughter of John and Maria (Drabaker) Groff, of New Providence, and this marriage has been blessed with seven children, viz: Miss Florence, a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; John F., with his father in the railroad office; Maria and Walter, at home; Helen, deceased; and Ruth and Paul Hiram, at home.

Mr. Heagy has been very successful in his business career, and when questioned about it, frankly attributes it to hard work. As an indication of his close attention to duty it may be mentioned that he has been absent from his post but ten days in the past twenty-five years. He is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of New Providence, a very public-spirited one, and few men in this locality have more attached personal friends.

MILTON THOMAS GARVIN, dry goods merchant of Lancaster, was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, Aug. 14, 1860.

Milton Y. Garvin, his father, was descended from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian Garvins who settled in Delaware about 1750, and the English Quaker family of Brown, who were among the first Quaker settlers of Chester county. Milton Y. Garvin married Hannah R. Hannum, whose ancestors were the Welsh Quaker family of Hannum, and the English Quaker family of Reynolds, both of whom settled in Pennsylvania during the governorship of William Penn.

Mr. Garvin spent his early boyhood with his father's sister on a farm in Cecil county, Md. At the age of thirteen years, his uncle having died, he came to Lancaster City to live with his mother, who was now married to William J. Baer. A few months later, at the age of fourteen, he entered the dry goods store of R. E. Fahnestock as errand boy, and two years later was promoted to be salesman. In 1882, through physical infirmities, Mr. Fahnestock was obliged to have some one to manage his business and assume its cares, and the selection fell upon Mr. Garvin, who had just reached his majority. Appreciating the responsibility of the position, he took vigorous hold, and managed this business for twelve years.

In 1886 Mr. Garvin married Catherine A.,





widow of Abijah D. Gyger, and a daughter of Anthony and Catherine (McLaughlin) Lechler, who was born at Paradise, this county, where her father was famous as a hotel keeper, but who subsequently moved to Lancaster, where for years he kept the County House.

Early in 1894, on account of old age and total disability, Mr. Fahnestock decided to retire, and Mr. Garvin took over the business and succeeded him. On March 5th, of the same year, under the firm name of M. T. Garvin & Co., he opened the store at the old stand, Nos. 35 and 37 East King street, next to the Court House, which, under the popular name of "The Leader" is to-day one of Lancaster's best-known shopping marts. Mr. Garvin's business is conducted on strictly up-to-date cash principles, with one price to all and discounts to none as one of the fundamentals. The interests of the employes, of whom there are an average of forty-five, are well cared for and kindly considered.

In early life Mr. Garvin received only such education as was obtained at the short winter sessions of a log cabin school, in Maryland, but the foundation laid there was afterward built upon by the devotion of spare moments to reading and study, and the knowledge thus gained has stood him in good stead in later years. While not a member of any church, Mr. Garvin takes an active interest in the Friends' Association of Lancaster, and the new Unitarian movement. In politics he is independent and progressive, and usually affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Garvin is connected with various interests in his adopted city. He is an officer of the Mechanics' Circulating Library; an active member of the Board of Trade, of which he is president; a director of the General Hospital; secretary of the Lancaster Dry-goods Association; a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; the Lancaster County Historical Society; the Society for Psychical Research, and others, and he is always to be counted upon as an active supporter of Lancaster's charitable institutions.

JAMES PRANGLEY, Jr., of the general insurance and real estate firm of James Prangley, Jr., No. 27 East Orange St., Lancaster, was born in that city March 28, 1864.

His grandfather, also named James, was an engineer near Liverpool, England. His father, James Prangley (2), came to America sixty years ago, when nine years old. His first employment was with the saw manufactory of Henry Disston & Sons. He went to Lancaster in 1863, and opened a "Cheap John" store in North Queen street, between Orange and Chestnut. He then moved to the present location of Watt & Shand's New York store in East King street. In 1872 he retired from the store, and in 1879 engaged in the leaf tobacco trade. In 1881 he established a cigar factory, employing from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five people.

He remained in this until 1897. Mr. Prangley also manufactured brick for twenty years, until the plant was destroyed by fire in April, 1900. Late in 1900 he engaged in the coal business, and still continues in that line. Mr. Prangley married Miss Mary Macaulif, daughter of John Macaulif, a musician of England, and of this marriage three children were born: Lida and Bessie, at home; and James, Jr. A half sister of the latter, Alice, was the wife of Henry Martin, of the Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Co., but she died several years ago. Mrs. Mary (Macaulif) Prangley died in August, 1899.

James Prangley, Jr., of the third generation bearing the same name, was educated in the Lancaster schools, leaving the Boys' High School to attend Weidler's Business College, from which institution he was graduated. He became a partner of his father in the cigar factory, but quit it in 1897 to enter his present business as partner of Martin Rife. This has proved highly successful.

On October 17, 1893, Mr. Prangley married Miss Catherine Knapp, daughter of the late Lawrence Knapp of Knapp Villa, a place familiar to all. Two sons have been born of this marriage: James, named for his father, grandfather and great-grandfather; and Lawrence, named for his grandfather Knapp. Mr. Prangley has a pleasant home at No. 699 Columbia avenue. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran congregation, and has played the chimes of that church for the past twelve years, his early morning concerts being features of all church festival days, such as Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc., while his patriotic airs arouse the people at four o'clock on every Fourth of July morning. For nine years he was a warden of Trinity, and both he and his wife are members of the church choir, in which they are very popular. Mr. Prangley belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Malta and the Elks.

GEORGE GABRIEL GOLDBACH, the successful florist and landscape gardener, located opposite the Lancaster county Almshouse, on the Philadelphia turnpike, is a son of Lorenz Goldbach, now leading a life of well-deserved retirement at his home on the Groffstown road, just east of Lancaster.

Lorenz Goldbach came to America from Bavaria, and settled on a farm near Bareville, this county, in 1876, removing to Lancaster in the spring of 1885, and locating on Rockland street, where he carried on gardening. In 1895 he removed to his present home, on the Groffstown road, where he carried on trucking until recently, when he retired from active pursuits. His first wife was Miss Gertrude Busenbrugge, of Westphalia, Germany, by whom he had the following children: John, who died at Spokane Falls, Wash., in 1880; Theresa, wife of Oscar Hilbert, of the *New Era* job department; Charles, a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia drug house; Henry, a shoe cutter, who died in 1894,



while in the employ of the Kray Shoe Co.; Herman, a florist and gardener, now managing his father's place on the Groffstown road; and George G. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Goldbach married, in January, 1882, Miss Anna Kiehl, of New York, who was born in Germany, and the following children have blessed this union: Amelia, a dressmaker; Frank, who works for George G. Goldbach, the florist; Mary and Lizzie, at home; and Anthony, who died in 1896, aged four years.

George Gabriel Goldbach was born in Upper Leacock township Feb. 6, 1878, and, his parents removing to Lancaster when he was young, his education was received in St. Anthony's Parochial School. When he was thirteen years old his father placed him with A. D. Rohrer & Bro., florists, and there he received the training that has made him the expert florist and landscape gardener that he is to-day. In 1897, in association with his brother, Herman, he leased the Rohrer hothouses, and until September, 1900, they carried on the business as Goldbach Bros. The firm was then dissolved, George G. Goldbach continuing the business alone. He confines himself largely to wholesaling, finding a ready sale for all he can produce in the Philadelphia markets. He makes a specialty of growing violets, and his annual output in this flower alone is the bloom of 10,000 plants. With 15,000 feet under glass, the plant, flower and vegetable producing capacity is immense. As a landscape gardener Mr. Goldbach's work stands high, the flower beds at Rocky Springs Park having been laid out and planted by him for several years in the past.

On June 26, 1900, Mr. Goldbach was married to Ida, daughter of the late John Ransing, of Lancaster. They began housekeeping in a pretty cottage on the Philadelphia turnpike, almost directly opposite the hothouses, but Mr. Goldbach recently purchased a lot of ground at the corner of East Orange street and Rank avenue, where he intends building himself a fine home. One child, Agnes Mary, born May 1, 1901, has blessed their marriage. Mr. Goldbach is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, of St. Michael's Society, the Knights of St. John, St. John's Beneficial Society, the Young Men's Democratic Society, and the American Florists Association. Industrious, energetic, intelligent and prompt in his business methods, he certainly gives promise of a most successful future.

ELLIS PICKEL, proprietor of the grocery store at South Duke and Church Streets, Lancaster, is descended from a family who have been prominent in agricultural circles in Lancaster county for many generations.

Leonard Pickel, his father, owned a farm at Georgetown, Bart township, and from there removed to a point between Nickel Mines and the Furnace, where he bought another farm and engaged very successfully in its cultivation. Promi-

nent in politics, and enjoying an excellent reputation, he was elected a director of the poor on the Republican ticket. He died over twenty years ago, respected by all who knew him for his private and public worth.

Ellis Pickel was educated in the schools of his home district, leaving school at the age of eighteen years to drive ore teams for his father, in which work he was engaged for about three years. For a time following this he was a clerk in the White Hall store of Milton Heidelbaugh (since then a member of the State Legislature), and later on farmed for himself for three years on a place near Gap. Then he came to Lancaster and took a position with Flinn & Breneman, which he held three years; for three years he rented and farmed the Elmaker place near Gap; and then he again entered the employ of Flinn & Breneman, remaining with them this time for a period of sixteen years. In 1897 he bought the grocery store noted above, and the business has already proved a flattering success, presenting most encouraging prospects.

Mr. Pickel married Miss Mary Jane Brooks, daughter of Boyd J. Brooks, a farmer of Bart township, and to this union was born one daughter, Elsie, who is now the wife of A. Heber Francis, a well-known cigar broker of Lancaster.

Mr. Pickel has long been associated with church work, and was a trustee of his church while living in the country. He is now a member of the First Methodist Church of Lancaster, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Malta, the American Mechanics, and the Artisans. Conscientious, courteous and accommodating, he has made hosts of friends, whose friendship grows the stronger the longer he is known.

THOMAS HIBSHMAN KELLER. Among the prominent citizens of Lititz is Thomas Hibshman Keller, who comes of most excellent stock, his ancestors having been among the oldest and best-known people in this section of the State. He is a grandson of the well-known John Keller, a native of this county and a farmer of Ephrata township, whose father's farm extended along Indian Creek, toward Ephrata. On the maternal side he is a grandson of Hon. Henry Hibshman, a senator of the State of Pennsylvania, belonging to a family whose members were distinguished as jurists and in the affairs of the State.

Harry B. Keller, father of Thomas H., was a merchant of Lincoln, this county, where he died in 1854. He married Mary Hibshman, and to this union the following named children were born: Henry B., who occupies a responsible position in the United States Mint, in Philadelphia; and Thomas H., of Lititz.

Thomas Hibshman Keller was born at Lincoln, this county, in 1853, and was educated in the public schools of the district, leaving school at the age of fifteen years and becoming a clerk in Royer's store,





at Lincoln. Later he engaged in clerking in Weidman's store, at West Lincoln, remaining there three years, at the end of which time he began baking the now famous Lititz pretzels, and has been so engaged ever since.

In 1876 Mr. Keller married Miss Clara V. Sturgis, daughter of Julius F. Sturgis, the original manufacturer of the Lititz pretzels, and to this union nine children were born, seven of whom are living: Mary Jane, wife of William Fishburn, editor and publisher of the *Ephrata Reporter*; Julius Henry, an artist in modeling, in Philadelphia; Lottie Cecelia and Carrie M., both at home; Thomas H., Jr., attending the Lititz high school; and Lewis R. and Philip Deichler, at school, the latter attending a kindergarten.

Mr. Keller is a staunch Republican in politics, and he has served as a member of the school board of Lititz for a term of three years. He is a devout Moravian in religion, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Apart from his business and church affairs, and his societies, Mr. Keller has given much time and attention to enterprises looking to the welfare of the historic borough of which he is so popular and progressive a citizen. He was one of the most active managers of the first Lancaster County Fair ever held in Lititz, and has also been manager of eight county fairs held in McGranis Park, Lancaster, being one of the gentlemen most closely concerned in the fine fairs held in 1899 and 1900; he was secretary as well as manager of the latter, the most successful fair in the history of the county. Kind and courteous to everybody, ever ready to help a friend, and ready to give of his time, efforts and interest, as well as means, to promote the interests of the community in which he lives, Mr. Keller has fairly earned a prominent place in the public regard.

As an inventor Mr. Keller has made an enviable record. His first invention (1879) was a pretzel machine, and for the past seven years he has been working on and perfecting an automatic cigar machine, in company with B. W. Snively, of New Brunnerville. Their first patent on this was received Jan. 10, 1899, since when additional patents have been granted on the invention. This machine is expected to revolutionize the cigar manufacturing industry throughout the world.

**JOHN W. ARMSTRONG.** Among the popular extra conductors on the Pennsylvania railroad none have more friends than this gentleman, who makes his home in Columbia. He is a native of Lancaster county, born in Marietta, Nov. 8, 1864, a son of John W., Sr., and Kate (Kugle) Armstrong.

John W. Armstrong, Sr., was born at Donegal Springs, same county, a son of Hon. Andrew A. and Mary A. (Brenneman) Armstrong, the former a native of Silver Springs township, Cumberland

Co., Pa., the latter of Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. Both died in Mt. Joy. Andrew A. Armstrong was a farmer in early life, and being one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, he was elected to the State Legislature. On his retirement to private life, he embarked in the gray and malleable iron business, which he carried on until his death, which occurred in 1876, when he was sixty-seven years of age. His father, James Armstrong, was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and emigrated from Scotland to the United States in 1745, locating in Silver Springs township, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he conducted a tannery throughout the remainder of his life. John W. Armstrong, Sr., the father of our subject, followed farming until the Civil war broke out, when he entered the service as a member of Co. B, 45th P. V. V., and was killed at Petersburg, Va., July 17, 1864, at the age of twenty-two years. His widow afterward married William McNeil, and by that union had seven children. She is a resident of Marietta, where she was born, a daughter of George Kugle, an agriculturist of Lancaster county.

John W. Armstrong, of this review, spent the first three years of his life in Marietta, and then went to live with his paternal grandfather at Donegal Springs, remaining with him until the latter's death, when he was sent to the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Mt. Joy, where he was graduated in November, 1880. He was his father's only child. After leaving school he commenced learning the printer's trade, at which he worked in Carlisle, Pa., from November, 1880, until the next April, when the firm with which he was connected sold out, and he went to St. Louis, Mo. After working on the Mississippi river for nine months, Mr. Armstrong returned to Lancaster county, Pa., and worked at the molder's trade in Mt. Joy until January, 1886, when he came to Columbia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. as brakeman. In September, 1892, he was made flagman, and was promoted to extra conductor April 10, 1900.

On Sept. 5, 1884, at Florin, Lancaster county, Mr. Armstrong married Miss Anna A. Buck, who was born in York, Pa., Nov. 10, 1868, a daughter of Nathaniel and Susan (Lowe) Buck, also natives of York county. The father, a farmer by occupation, is now residing in Lehigh county, Pa. He was a soldier of the Civil war and was wounded in the service. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born four children, namely: Oscar C.; Manie E., who died Aug. 28, 1886; Edward S.; and John W. Politically, Mr. Armstrong affiliates with the Republican party, and fraternally is connected with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

**LEVI BECKER.** The prosperity of the great State of Pennsylvania does not rest upon her commercial relations, nor upon her wealth of mineral deposits, as much as upon her great agricultural re-





sources. The farmers are the backbone of the State, and in no county are they more prosperous and thrifty than in wealthy, solid and respected Lancaster county. The revenue gathered into the coffers of the State from that county alone would give surprise to many of those unfamiliar with existing conditions.

Among the successful agriculturists of Ephrata township is Levi Becker, a most estimable and highly respected citizen, who owns 112 acres of some of the choicest land in the county. He was born Feb. 21, 1872, a son of the late Israel and Caroline Becker, of this county. Israel Becker was a son of Henry Becker, a prominent farmer of the county, a German by ancestry, and the father of a family of fourteen children. Israel Becker was also a farmer, and well and favorably known in the neighborhood near Lititz, and reared these children: Henry B. married Mary Seibert; John B. is a farmer located about two miles from Lititz, in Warwick township; Leah resides near Brunersville, Pa.; Henry; Levi; and Katie, deceased.

Levi Becker was reared on a farm, and as his father before him, chose farming as his life work. His education was received in the common schools of his district, and soon after finishing the course, he engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits, his fine, well cultivated farm showing that he thoroughly understands all matters pertaining to the proper tillage of the soil.

On Jan. 7, 1894, Levi Becker was married to Miss Lillie Habecker, of Clay township, the estimable daughter of Augustus Habecker, and two children have been born of this union: Elsie, born in 1895; and Leroy, born Oct. 6, 1897. In his political affiliations, Mr. Becker has always voted with the Republican party, but has never taken the time to seek for office, leaving that for those who have less fine land to cultivate. Although not formally connected with any religious denomination, he believes that a moral life is better than many protestations, and is regarded by his neighbors as a model husband and father, and as one of the best and most reliable of the citizens of Ephrata township.

REV. JOHN ALLEN CRAWFORD, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, South Queen street, Lancaster, is a native of West Virginia, born April 2, 1868, in the city of Wheeling, and comes of Scottish-English ancestry.

Michael C. Crawford, his father, came to America from the North of Ireland about the year 1856, and settled in Wheeling, W. Va. He married Elizabeth Malinda Allum, daughter of John Allum, of Washington county, Pa. Rev. John Allen Crawford was the second child in a family of six children, the names of the others being Lucy, Virginia Lillian, James Dellmore, William Theodore, and Robert Cecil.

John Allen Crawford received his earlier education in part at Lindsley Institute, in part at the

high school in Wheeling, from which latter he was graduated with first honors in 1884. He next attended the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, that state, and after three years' study there he entered the college at Adrian, Mich., from which he was graduated June 21, 1888. In September of the same year Mr. Crawford began his course in the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Allegheny, Pa.; on April 9, 1890, he was licensed to preach, by the Presbytery of Washington, at Claysville, Pa., and on May 7, 1891, was graduated from the Theological Seminary. Immediately after his graduation from the seminary he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale, Mich., and was ordained and installed Sept. 16, 1891, remaining there until Oct. 1, 1894, when he accepted a call to Dillsburg, York Co., Pa., at which place he continued until the spring of 1899, serving the churches at Dillsburg and York Springs. In May, 1899, Mr. Crawford accepted the call to the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and was installed pastor thereof June 8, 1899. He has since met with gratifying success, the church having steadily grown under his pastorate.

This, in brief, is the interesting career of one who, although a resident of Lancaster but a comparatively short time, has made his influence greatly felt in this community, and being in the very vigor of young manhood his future is full of bright promise, for all who know him and have watched his progress look confidently for the fullest fruition of the good seed thus early sown by him.

On June 14, 1893, Mr. Crawford was married at Ridgway, Pa., to Miss Blanche Webster Powers, daughter of H. M. Powers, a prominent member of the Bar of Ridgway. Mrs. Crawford's family were from Maine, and related to Daniel Webster, the famous statesman and orator; she is also connected, by descent, with Gen. Stark, of Revolutionary fame.

EDGAR B. KREADY, a thriving young tobacco packer and merchant at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, same county, Oct. 29, 1866, and is a son of Jacob C. and Mary (Bowers) Kready, natives of West Hempfield township.

Jacob C. Kready was a farmer and distiller in Manor township in his early days, but abandoned distilling in 1861. He served as county commissioner, and held at different times various township offices. He died in Manor township in October, 1884, at the age of fifty-six years, a member of the Reformed Church at Rohrerstown, where his remains were buried. Mrs. Kready still has her residence in Manor township. She was born in 1842. To Jacob C. and Mary Kready were born seven children, viz.: Alfred B., a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, living with her mother; Emma B., wife of C. F. Charles, a farmer in Manor township; John, a farmer, living with his mother; Edgar B., whose name opens this review; Mary, wife of Jacob Mow-





*E. B. Keady*





rer, in the machine business at Lancaster; and Harry, deceased.

Edgar B. Keady lived upon the home farm until 1893, when he came to Mountville, as he had, although a Republican, been appointed by Grover Cleveland—Democratic President of the United States—postmaster at Mountville. On coming to Mountville he engaged in mercantile business in connection with his post office duties, and also began buying, packing and selling tobacco. On Nov. 1, 1899, Mr. Keady discontinued the general merchandising branch of his business, and went into partnership with his brother-in-law, C. F. Charles, confining himself exclusively to the tobacco trade.

In April, 1895, Edgar B. Keady was united in marriage, in Columbia, Pa., with Miss Laura M. Walker, and this union has been crowned with three children—Marion W., Esther W. and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Laura M. (Walker) Keady was born in West Hempfield township Aug. 10, 1873, and is a daughter of Christian F. and Esther A. (Kelley) Walker. Her father, who was a contractor and builder, in 1889 removed his family to Columbia, and was killed in Lancaster city, by a fall from a scaffold, Jan. 8, 1890, at the age of fifty-two years. He had served as a private in the war of the Rebellion, and was a member of the G. A. R., a Mason and an Artisan. To Christian F. and Esther A. Walker were born three children, viz.: Mary M., wife of Harry Forry, of Columbia; Laura M.; and William, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Edgar B. Keady, William and Martha (Fridy) Walker, were natives of West Hempfield township; the grandfather was born in 1816, and lived retired in Kleinsville, Lancaster county, where he died Oct. 14, 1901; the grandmother was called away in 1885, at the age of seventy-five years. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Keady, John and Mary (Houghendouler) Kelley, were also natives of West Hempfield township, where Mr. Kelley was a raftsmen on the river, and where he died; his widow then married John Kame.

Edgar B. Keady is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., affiliating with Lodge No. 65, at Mountville; and also unites with the Knights of Malta, No. 159, at Lancaster; and the K. of M. C., at Mountville. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a very popular young man with his party, but has never sought an office. He is known in the business world as a "hustler," one who drives his business.

D. JEFFERSON HERR, an enterprising young farmer of Strasburg township, was born there July 5, 1873, son of C. S. B. and Lizzie A. Herr. The father is deceased, and the mother now makes her home in West Lampeter township.

Our subject was given a good practical education in the public schools of his native township. He was reared to farming on the place he now conducts and since he commenced life on his own account has

given all his attention to that occupation, with gratifying results, it must be conceded. In 1897 he took full charge of the home place, which comprises 100 acres of valuable land, devoted to general crops. Mr. Herr has already displayed a most progressive spirit and advanced ideas, as regards the development of both the agricultural interests and the welfare of his section in general. He bids fair to become a worthy representative of a family which has stood second to none in Lancaster county for generations.

On Sept. 4, 1900, Mr. Herr married Miss Cora L. Groff, daughter of Henry L. Groff, of that township. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Herr are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Politically he is a Republican.

SAMUEL S. SHELLY, general farmer and fertilizer agent, was born in Rapho township Dec. 1, 1868, a son of Emanuel and Anna (Shearer) Shelly, of Rapho and Mt. Joy townships, respectively.

The parents now reside near Manheim, in Rapho township, where they reside on and conduct a fine farm. The following children blessed their union: Samuel S.; Anna, wife of Aaron Peters, a Rapho township farmer; Emma, who died in childhood; Emanuel, who died in youth; Nathan, living with his father; and Amos, Maria, Ephraim, Harvey, Lizzie, Minnie and Emma, all residing at home with their parents. The grandparents of Samuel S. Shelly were Samuel and Maria (Ager) Shelly, of Lancaster county.

In 1890, at Manheim, Samuel S. Shelly was married to Miss Emma A. Keener. There have been born to this union the following children: Daisy K., Mabel K. and Minnie K. Mrs. Emma (Keener) Shelly was born in Rapho township in 1867, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Fretz) Keener, of Lancaster county. The father died on his farm in March, 1900, at the age of fifty-eight years, and is buried in Sterns' Meeting House cemetery. Mrs. Keener was born in 1848, and is still living in Rapho township. The following children of this union are living: Clayton, a farmer occupying the homestead; Maggie, unmarried, residing with her mother; and Emma, wife of Mr. Shelly.

Samuel S. Shelly lived in the farm with his parents until his marriage, receiving in the meantime a good education in the public schools of the district. After his marriage he worked for his father on a share proposition until 1894, when he purchased and removed to his present home. He has been more than usually successful, which fact is due to his careful and thrifty habits. He is a Republican in politics, but has not yet sought for nor held office. Friendly to all, he commands the best wishes and respect of his neighbors. Mr. Shelly has at heart the best interests of his township, and allows no opportunity to pass which enables him to assist in measures for the improvement of the vicinity both socially and financially.



CLAYTON F. KEENER, brother of Mrs. Samuel S. Shelly, is a general farmer of Rapho township, and was born on the family homestead, where he now resides, Aug. 27, 1871. As already mentioned, the father died in 1900, while his widow resides in the township, near Chiques Church. Mr. Keener's grandfather, Joseph Keener, died in Milton Grove, in May, 1899, at the age of eighty-four years. For several years prior to his death, he lived retired, resting from the cares of business in which he had for so many years been so actively engaged. Mr. Keener's grandparents on his mother's side were Daniel and Margret Fretz. In March, 1897, in Manheim, Clayton F. Keener was married to Miss Amanda Metzger. One child, Jacob L., has been born to them. Mrs. Keener was born near Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. Mr. Keener has, as stated, always lived on the family homestead, and under his management the place has yielded an abundant income. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the party. He is well known and well liked in his district, and, being progressive in all his tendencies, will some day, undoubtedly, take a prominent position in his community.

ALDUS C. MYLIN, a prominent and substantial farmer and stock raiser of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, has been identified with the improvement and progress of that section for many years, residing on the old family homestead, which is located adjacent to the village limits of Willow-street.

John B. Mylin, his father, resided upon the place previous to his retirement, at which time Aldus C., having been prepared by training, for an agricultural life, took charge of the estate, which he has most successfully managed ever since. The original homestead consisted of 126 acres of fine land, and to this Aldus C. Mylin has added two other tracts, of considerable extent, one of sixty acres, in West Hempfield, and another of 100 acres, in Manor township; he is also the owner of a number of lots and smaller tracts. Some of his land is peculiarly adapted to the raising of stock and cattle, and is used for that purpose, as Mr. Mylin is much interested in and very successful in the breeding of stock; some of his horses have been regarded as very valuable. His stock and cattle are all high grade, and he has taken great pains to introduce only the finest strains into the neighborhood, thus benefiting his locality, and setting an example for others.

All of the properties belonging to Aldus C. Mylin may be recognized by the excellence of the improvements, and the air of thrift and prosperity which surrounds them. Mr. Mylin taking a personal interest in their preservation and adornment. He is known far and wide as a man of great generosity, ever ready to extend the helping hand, and although he has sometimes been the victim of ingratitude he has not lost faith in the world, and keeps on his

Christian way. Although a staunch Republican, from principle, he has never sought nor consented to hold political office. Mr. Mylin received his education in the common schools.

Aldus C. Mylin was married March 29, 1885, to Adaline Herr, daughter of David O. and Mary Ann (Huber) Herr, who was born in Manor township, on the old homestead, near Creswell (formerly known as Turkey Hill), March 5, 1857. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mylin began housekeeping where they have resided ever since, and they are among the most respected members of the community.

David Herr, the father of Mrs. Mylin, was born on the farm in Manor township June 30, 1826, son of David and Barbara (Olenweiler) Herr, and died Sept. 16, 1890. He was reared on the farm where he lived for a long time after marriage, residing there at the time of his death. His wife was born in West Hempfield, near Mountville, July 18, 1832, daughter of John and Elizabeth Huber, and died Nov. 19, 1876. A family of ten children was born to them: One that died in infancy; John, who became a resident of the West; Emma, residing in Millersville; Elizabeth, who married Jacob B. Herr, of Fulton township; Adaline, who married Aldus C. Mylin; Anna Mary and Susan, twins, deceased; Ida, deceased, who married Amziab Herr; Fannie, deceased, and one that died in infancy. The members of this family were consistent members of the Evangelical Church.

CLAYTON LANDIS GRABILL, the popular grocer of West King street, Lancaster, descends from ancestors who came from Germany to this country about 1700, settling in Lancaster county, and furnishing to this section some of its most reliable and trustworthy people. John Grabill, his great-grandfather, was a farmer at Bareville. His father, Abram R. Grabill, was a farmer near Earlville, Lancaster county, and married Fianna Landis, daughter of Benjamin Landis, a farmer of Bareville. The children of this union are as follows: Henry M., a farmer in Kansas; Ida A., wife of J. H. Black, a merchant tailor at Akron, Lancaster county; Clayton L., of Lancaster; Landis B., at home; Ella, at home; Minnie C., wife of Rev. G. W. Hangen, of Lebanon; and Carrie, at home.

Clayton Landis Grabill was born on the old homestead, near Earlville, in 1866, and was educated in the public schools of the district, attending until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he came to Lancaster and entered the grocery store of his uncle, with whom he remained seven years. At the expiration of that time he opened business on his own account, establishing a store on West King street, which has become very popular under his careful and attentive management, and where he is found at the present time. So successful was Mr. Grabill in his efforts to please the public that he was encouraged to open a branch store at the corner of North Queen and Lemon streets, which, conducted





on the high plane on which he has always done business, has commanded a very good patronage.

Mr. Grabill married Miss Orpha Good, daughter of Daniel D. Good, well known in connection with the cattle trade. Mr. Grabill is an active and earnest member of the Covenant U. B. Church, of which he has been a trustee for the last ten years. No man of his years has shown more progressive business methods than has Mr. Grabill. Both his stores are constantly stocked with the latest and the best goods, and courtesy, fair dealing and a readiness to oblige and accommodate have won wide patronage.

ABRAM K. ROHRER, member of the wholesale florist firm of A. K. Rohrer & Co., Lancaster, was born in West Lampeter, Lancaster county, Nov. 16, 1872, son of Henry D. Rohrer, who is now partially retired from the florist business.

Mr. Rohrer lived with his parents during his youth and early manhood, and received a practical education in the public schools of his neighborhood. In 1893 he became associated with the business life of Lancaster as a partner of L. S. Landis, of this city, continuing thus until June 1, 1902, and he has since allied his energies with the firm of A. K. Rohrer & Co., florists. He is regarded as one of the promising and capable business men of Lancaster.

On April 2, 1901, Mr. Rohrer married Anna E. Edgerly, daughter of Capt. Edward Edgerly, of this city. Mr. Rohrer is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 1104, and is a Republican in National politics.

HENRY D. ROHRER, father of Abram K., was born in East Lampeter, Lancaster county, in March, 1847, son of Abraham and Susan (Denlinger) Rohrer, of East Lampeter, and grandson of Jacob Rohrer, who lived and died on his farm in Lampeter; he was of Swiss extraction. Abraham Rohrer was a farmer in early life, but retired from business cares during the last twenty years preceding his death, which occurred in 1901, at the age of eighty-eight years. He is buried in Mellinger cemetery, beside his wife, who died in 1892, when eighty-three years of age. Born of this union were the following children: Abraham D., who died in 1901; John D. E., a retired farmer; Henry D.; Benjamin, living on the old homestead at East Lampeter; and Anna D., who married Jacob Landis, a retired farmer of East Lampeter.

After attaining his majority Henry D. Rohrer left the paternal farm and went to that of his father-in-law, which he managed for about five years. In 1875 he bought with the proceeds of his toil some property in Lancaster, upon which he started a florist business with his brother Abraham D., continuing the same with marked success for eighteen years. The brother then entered upon a retail florist business, and Mr. Rohrer built the present wholesale plant at the end of East Orange street, which he still owns and manages. He has accomplished great good for his special part of the town, and may be

said to have entirely laid out the east end at his own expense, planting trees and shrubs, and otherwise imparting an air of thoughtful care to an erstwhile neglected suburb. The greenhouses, which have no superior, and which are still managed by him, are known from one end of the State to the other, and in many of the large cities in the surrounding States. In addition to roses, violets and carnations the firm ships more mushrooms than any other one concern in the State. They do only a wholesale business.

In October, 1869, Mr. Rohrer married Mary Kreider, daughter of Tobias Kreider, a retired farmer living in West Lampeter, at an advanced age. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have been born three children: Abram K., Harry K. and Ella.

JACOB L. SNYDER. The agricultural interests of Lancaster county, are in no danger of neglect as long as such active and progressive young men are at the helm as is Jacob L. Snyder, the subject of this biography.

Mr. Snyder was born Jan. 14, 1872, a son of Christian and Susan (Longenecker) Snyder, of Warwick township, the former being one of the leading agricultural men of that section living near the town of Lititz. The grandfather of Jacob L. Snyder, was Christian Snyder, well known in his day as a wealthy and respected man, and reared these children: Simon, a farmer in Clay township; Hiram, of Stevens; Mrs. Mary Nolt, of Hinkletown; Mrs. Barbara Striner, of Murrell; Abraham A., a farmer near Murrell; and Christian B., the father of Jacob L.

Christian B. Snyder married Susan Longenecker, in 1866, and four children were born of this union: Agnes, who married Jacob Wissler, of Clay township; Jacob L., of this sketch; Amanda, who died in childhood; and Nathan, born Nov. 20, 1876, who married, Oct. 10, 1897, Emma Brubaker.

Jacob L. Snyder was born on the farm in Warwick township, and grew up accustomed to agricultural pursuits, receiving his education in the excellent common schools of his district. The fine cultivation which his farm of eighty-three acres shows, and the improvements mark him as one of the progressive, careful and successful farmers of this part of the county. Prosperity has smiled upon him, but it is because he has carefully attended to his affairs, living an industrious and upright life, and possessing the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

On Aug. 10, 1893, Jacob L. Snyder was married to Miss Sadie H. Walter, of Lititz, the estimable daughter of Jacob and Kate (Hacker) Walter, of Lititz, and to this union has come one son, Christian Walter, born Nov. 6, 1895. The farm of our subject is pleasantly located about one-half mile east of the town of Lincoln, and thus the family can enjoy both town and country associations. Reared in the Mennonite faith, Jacob L. Snyder has lived an upright life, and possesses every requisite for a long, happy and useful career.





EZRA H. ZERCHER is a young farmer of East Donegal township who is rapidly coming into notice as thoroughly awake and progressive in his calling, that of agriculture, to which he has devoted his life. Mr. Zercher is engaged both as a general farmer and as the manager of the chop mills, which are very popular among his neighbors as a means of getting cattle feed in the best shape, and at moderate prices.

Ezra H. Zercher was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Jan. 19, 1870, son of Jacob Zercher, whose family history and personal sketch are found elsewhere. Mr. Zercher was married, Nov. 24, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents, in the township of Rapho, to Lizzie F. Hertzler, and the following children have been born to this union: Howard H., who is deceased; Anna, deceased; and Beulah.

Mrs. Lizzie F. (Hertzler) Zercher was born in Rapho township, Aug. 10, 1874, daughter of John H. and Salinda (Forney) Hertzler, who were born in Manor and West Donegal townships, respectively. They are now living in Rapho township, where they are spending their last days in quiet and peace, having given up the active care and labor of life to younger and more vigorous hands.

Ezra H. Zercher remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he began business for himself on a farm of eighty-four acres in East Donegal, where he did well, making many friends by his industrious habits and upright character. In 1901 he bought a farm of seventy-four acres, three-fourths of a mile south of Mr. Joy, and a few days after making the purchase, with the kind aid of his neighbors, he tore down the old structures, which were probably the oldest in the locality, the rude figures upon the builder's stone indicating the year 1765. These structures are now laid low with the ground, and in their place is erected a new house and barn, with all the modern improvements. In 1902 Mr. Zercher moved from the old farm to his new home, which he has just completed. The chop mill, which is noted above, was put up for Mr. Zercher in June, 1899, by Stauffer & Newcomer, of Mt. Joy, and is operated by a twelve-horse power gasoline engine. It is a fine piece of machinery, and is regarded as one of the best in the county.

In politics Mr. Zercher votes the Republican ticket, and in his religious convictions he is a devout member of the Church of the River Brethren, to which the Zercher family have long belonged.

ALBERT HARTMAN. One of the progressive and successful business citizens of Lancaster county is Albert Hartman, the leading hatter, who conducts a large hat and gents furnishing store at Columbia, and another, equally prosperous, in Lancaster. Mr. Hartman owns and carries on the oldest hat store in the county, having lately purchased the Arnold hat store, in the Zahn building, located on the Square, in Lancaster.

Mr. Hartman was born in Columbia July 1, 1869, son of John and Elizabeth (Heller) Hartman, the former of whom had been born and reared with his parents in York county, and the latter at Columbia, in Lancaster county. In 1847 Mr. Hartman moved to Columbia, where he engaged in painting, contracting and decorating for some years, and later became a successful speculator in real estate. His death took place Aug. 2, 1895, when he was aged sixty-five years. His widow, now aged sixty-nine years, is one of the very highly esteemed residents of Columbia. The children born to John and Elizabeth Hartman were: William, a decorator, living in Columbia; Emma, who died young; John, a resident of Columbia; Anna, who died young; Charles, of Columbia; and Albert, whose home is also in Columbia, although he does business also in Lancaster, as noted.

Mr. Hartman was reared in Columbia, and there attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age, when he entered the hat and furnishing goods store of H. H. Lockard, as a clerk, remaining there four years, during which time he became thoroughly instructed in the details of the business. He then accepted a position in a merchant tailoring establishment, and two years later again became associated with the hat business, with M. P. Roop, with whom he remained three years. Mr. Hartman had now reached the age of twenty, and had so completely learned his business that he felt qualified to embark in the same line, opening up a business in hats and gents furnishings which has continued to gather fresh patronage since its start. On April 24, 1902, he purchased the above mentioned store in Lancaster, and has invested a large capital, which is bringing him ample and satisfactory returns. His long experience in this line enables him to buy and sell to advantage, while his trade connections are such as to insure the best and latest designs in his very complete line.

In Columbia, in 1899, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Miss Lillie A. Rodgers, who was born in Milltown, Lancaster county, daughter of John B. Rodgers, of this county.

Mr. Hartman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Lodge No. 286, of Columbia. He ranks high in the world of trade, and in his home community is held in esteem on account of personal characteristics, having a wide circle of warmly attached friends.

ACTON ASH LEFEVRE, druggist and perfumer in Lancaster city, belongs to a family as old as that of the Penns. His first ancestor in America was Isaac LeFevre, a French Huguenot, who, coming to this country to escape persecution, joined Penn in London, and accompanied him in 1682. Some time before coming to this country he secured from Queen Anne a grant of land of 2,000 acres, lying between what is now Strasburg borough and Paradise, in this county. Strasburg was named in



honor of the old historic French city from which he came. The earliest of his ancestors in Europe of whom we have any knowledge translated the Bible into French for the first time, and was a correspondent of Martin Luther and Zwingli. One of this family became a great general under the first Napoleon. Part of the Strasburg grant of land is still in the possession of the LeFevres, and the cornerstone of the first log house erected by the first ancestor of the family in that section is still preserved.

Franklin Penn LeFevre, the father of Acton A., was a widely known resident of this county. He married Catherine Fulmer Ash, a descendant of a family of Revolutionary fame, and to this union were born five children, all of whom are living: Elmer I., in the lumber trade at Coatesville; Acton A., of Lancaster; Elizabeth S.; Benjamin Herr, a florist of Washington, D. C.; and Mary, unmarried and at home.

Acton Ash LeFevre was born Feb. 5, 1870, on the homestead near Strasburg, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, to which city his father removed while he was still a young lad. Leaving the high school, he entered the drug business, and after satisfactory examinations entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1894, acquiring the degree of Ph. G. The same year he opened an elegant drug store at the corner of South Queen and Conestoga streets, where he built up a handsome trade, and for four years of the time he was the owner of the second drug store located in the western part of the city.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. LeFevre began the manufacture of perfumery, being the first in Lancaster to engage in that line. His first effort was on the Acton Carnation Pink, which sprang into instant and widespread popularity, and he has customers throughout the United States and Canada. He now manufactures a full line, consisting of many flower extracts, toilet waters, sachets, soaps and specialties. His trade of these delicate toilet articles extends throughout the country and is rapidly spreading, and has necessitated the erection of an extensive new laboratory.

Mr. LeFevre was married Oct. 15, 1894, to Miss Emma L., daughter of Frederick Wettig, a respected citizen of Lancaster. To this union have been born two children, Helen Catherine and Adelyne. Mr. LeFevre is a Baptist in religion and a Republican in politics. An earnest and progressive business man, his methods rank with the best in the community, and his personal character is such as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he deals.

JACOB L. EBERSOLE, a general farmer and highly-respected citizen of Conoy township, was born on the farm where he is now living, May 3, 1866, son of Jacob R. and Anna (Lehman) Ebersole, whose married life was passed on the same place. There the father was born, and is now living retired, at the age of sixty-five years; and there the

mother, who was born in Dauphin county, died Sept. 29, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in a private burying-ground which forms a part of the estate. Both parents were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: Peter L., a farmer in Conoy township; Lizzie, who is unmarried and lives at home; Maria L., at home; and Jacob L.

The paternal grandparents of Jacob L. Ebersole were Rev. Peter and Mary (Tisser) Ebersole, the former of whom was a bishop in the Mennonite Church for many years, and was engaged in farming in addition to his clerical labors. He died in 1870, at the age of eighty years, his wife in 1866. Their children were: Barbara, who lives in this county, and is unmarried; Peter R., who died in 1899; Anna R., wife of Jacob Ebersole, of Lebanon county; Fanny R., deceased, wife of John E. Ebersole; and Jacob R.

Peter Lehman and his wife lived in Dauphin county, where he was engaged in farming, and where his daughter, Anna, the mother of Jacob L. Ebersole, was born.

Jacob L. Ebersole and Miss Sadie U. Ober were married in Manheim in September, 1888, and have had the following children: Johnson O., Jennie O., Reuben O., Bertha O., Lizzie O., Agnes O., Sadie O. and Emma O. Mrs. Ebersole was born in West Donegal township, this county, Feb. 21, 1865, a daughter of John Ober, a wagonmaker of that township. Her parents were honorable and industrious people, and she is a woman highly respected by all who know her.

Mr. Ebersole has remained with his parents on the home farm up to the present time. He takes an active and enlightened interest in public affairs, is a clever and thrifty man, energetic and enterprising, and has made an enviable name for himself. Both he and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN W. HIRSH, youngest son of Abraham Hirsh, whose biography appears elsewhere, was born in Lancaster, and acquired his education in the city schools. Early in life he was taken into his father's store and given a practical knowledge of the extensive business which that gentleman had developed. The young man remained in the store for some time, but millinery and jewelry did not seem to be his line, and in 1887 he succeeded Cyrus Colvin in the livery business in Lancaster, continuing in that business until 1893, when he turned his attention to the handling of fine horses for the Philadelphia markets, buying largely in Canada and Wisconsin, and preparing the horses for sale at his own stables, known as the Eagle stables. This business he conducted for five years, in connection with the stables of the Northern Bank, and then was engaged exclusively for himself two years, with as many as eighty-six horses on his hands at one time. He has owned and tracked some of the





most speedy horses in the State. Mr. Hirsh moved to North Queen street in 1895, and opened one of the largest stables in the city, which was destroyed by fire the following year, the loss to him being very heavy. For several months following the fire he was in charge of the Northern Bank stables, and then located at Cherry alley, his present location. Mr. Hirsh is a thorough horseman, and a fine judge of horseriesh, and his attention is given exclusively to the horse business. He is a keen and shrewd business man, and is advancing rapidly to the front among the solid and successful men of Lancaster. He has been long recognized as a progressive and broad-minded citizen, one of the kind who prove useful members of a community. Socially Mr. Hirsh belongs to the Germania, Maennerchor and Club, and the Liederkrantz Society.

Benjamin W. Hirsh and Mrs. Cora Cheever were married June 12, 1900. Mrs. Hirsh is a daughter of Jesse Good, and is a lady of many charming traits and characteristics.

MISS ANNA MYER, of Conestoga township, Lancaster county, has the distinction of owning and conducting a farm herself quite as well as a man could do it. Her great-grandfather, Samuel Myer, who came from Germany, settled in Conestoga township about 1720, and took up 180 acres of land near Conestoga Center; he always followed farming. There were five children in his family: Nathaniel, who went to Oregon Territory and died there; So-crates; Rudolph, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river; Peggy, wife of Benjamin Shenk, of Conestoga township; and Samuel, grandfather of Miss Anna Myer.

Samuel Myer was a minister of the Old Mennonite Church. He started in the tanning business about 1812, on the farm where Miss Myer now lives, and the business is still carried on by her brother Abram. He married a Miss Harnish, of Conestoga township, and they became the parents of fourteen children: Anna, wife of Benjamin Kaufman; Rudolph, father of Anna Myer; Maria, wife of Christian Herr; Fannie, wife of Abram Miller, of Manor township; Jacob, of Ohio; Barbara, wife of Christian Hertzler, of Cumberland county; Elizabeth, wife of Abram Miland, of Pequea township; Abram, of Conestoga township; and several children who died in infancy.

Rudolph Myer, father of Anna Myer, was born in 1807. He was educated in the public schools and lived at home with his parents until the age of eighteen, when he went to work in the tanyard where he was employed for something over six years, at the end of that time buying the business from his father and continuing it on his own behalf until the time of his death, in 1886. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Susan Miller, of Manor township, and was the father of eight children: Barbara, wife of Jacob Charles, of Pequea township; Abram, of Conestoga; Mary, wife of Jo-

seph Eshleman, of Martie; Rudolph, who died in childhood; Isaac, who died in childhood; Samuel, of Conestoga township; Susan, wife of Joseph Harnish, of Pequea township; and Miss Anna, whose name opens this sketch.

Miss Myer is a fine manager, and under her rule the old homestead is kept in the very finest condition and is profitable as well. She is certainly to be congratulated on her fine executive ability, and is respected and esteemed by all who know her.

REV. CHARLES TOMPSON KNOX. The city of Lancaster takes a prominent place with her sister cities in educational, philanthropic and religious enterprises, and it is not a matter of surprise that within her borders Rev. Charles Tompson Knox, a Baptist minister endowed with youth, ability and true Christian spirit, should have been able to so interest the citizens at large, that they welcomed the establishment there of a little mission which was modestly named by its founder "The Strangers' Mission." Few at that date could have been found, however, to believe in the self-denial and continued enthusiasm of the young clergyman, or to have predicted the wonderful results from that small beginning.

Rev. Charles Tompson Knox was born at Rock Island, Ill., June 24, 1867. His paternal grandfather, Charles Bishop Knox, was born in Blandford, Mass., and after his marriage to Mary Gorman moved West, settling in Rock Island at a time when that thriving city contained only three houses.

Curtis Bishop Knox, a son of Charles Bishop Knox, for the past thirty years has been in the employ of the United States Government, in the Rock Island Arsenal. He married Martha Tompson, and three children were born to this union: One child died in infancy; Martha Tompson married George Stoughtenberg, who is a merchant in Moline, Ill., and the third is the founder and the beloved pastor of "The Strangers' Mission" and "The Door of Hope" in Lancaster.

Mr. Knox obtained his education at Shurtleff College, Alton, Ill., and afterward was ordained a Baptist minister, on Sept. 10, 1891. Coming to the city of Lancaster for a temporary sojourn, the trend of events, in June, 1895, led him into the work which resulted in the establishment of "The Strangers' Mission" and, later, "The Door of Hope," institutions which have done more in the way of philanthropy and charity and general usefulness than almost any other combination of benevolent enterprises. No such missionary work as has been done by Mr. Knox has ever been accomplished by any other agency or association of individuals in the history of the city. The scope and history of this wonderful work is told by Mr. Knox himself in a modest but convincing way, in "The Manual of the Strangers' Mission," from which we have been permitted to make the following extract:

"In 1895 I was in Lancaster temporarily for an-



other purpose, and was induced to start a Sunday-school in the little old schoolhouse opposite the Lancaster County Almshouse, which I secured through the kindness of the school board. This was done through the urgency of a lady whom I met, who felt the need of Christian work among the people of the East End.

"Accordingly, on July 7, 1895, the first session was opened with twenty-eight people present. Having other business that engaged me closely during the week, so that there was no time nor strength for pastoral work, it was nevertheless agreeable to me to preach the Word of God once on Sunday. To this I consented. It bound me to nothing and pledged no one else. There was no covenant and no salary. Miss Eliza E. Smith, a rich and benevolent lady of Lancaster, became the first contributor, and a warm friend and substantial patroness of the work.

"In this way, trusting only in God, and free to leave when I would, the first year passed quickly away. With the first anniversary in 1896, came the intimation that the school board could no longer permit us to occupy the school building for religious services. The members of the board were not in any way unfriendly to the good work, but outside affairs now forced them to refuse us the use of the schoolhouse any longer.

"Not discouraged, we set about securing other quarters, and an undenominational church was organized, and the Holy Communion was administered. During 1896 the work grew rapidly, friends multiplied, people were drawn into the Church and many souls saved.

"At the end of the second year the work had so enlarged, and my pastoral duties became so manifold, that I now felt sure God would have me to cut loose from all visible means of support and trust Him alone. Whereupon I took up my abode in the Mission house, spread my table, and opened my door to all who came needing help or shelter. No one has ever been turned from the door, and God has succored the work, and we never lacked assistance in, nor futherance of, the good work.

"The needs of the poor of our city now impressed me, and a Day Nursery was opened to care for children whose mothers were obliged to toil for their daily bread. An employment agency was also opened, to serve as a medium where those wanting help and those in need of employment could have their respective wants filled. And still another branch of the uplifting work was the establishment of a free medical dispensary, to aid the sick poor. The following well-known physicians of Lancaster have been untiring in their services in connection with my various charities: Drs. M. L. Herr, A. M. Underwood, F. G. Hartman, T. B. Appel, Wm. H. Herr, Frank Alleman, W. S. Brenholtz and G. L. Cassel."

The third anniversary found the work still progressing. Willing and influential friends made it

possible to open the second "Strangers' Mission" in Faegleyville, a quarter in Lancaster that had long been in need of such missionary work, and where under the earnest ministrations of Rev. Mr. Knox and his loyal band of helpers, most encouraging headway has been made.

The fourth anniversary, in 1899, found the pastor of this unique church, with its auxiliary missionary work, with new responsibilities confronting him. "A Door of Hope," for fallen women, had been opened. On Oct. 2, 1899, the home was consecrated to its grand, soul-saving and rescuing purposes, and it immediately opened its doors to fallen but repentant women. During that year the institution fed and sheltered many. As freely as assistance came to it from all quarters, so freely and bounteously it was dispensed to those in need.

In the winter of 1901, influenced by a strange leading of God, while visiting Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, of New York, Rev. Mr. Knox felt the need of a gospel meeting to be held every night for the people of the street in Lancaster. This same peculiar leading, working on H. Z. Rhoads, caused him to offer a hall in his beautiful building in the center of the city, and thus was opened Central Hall, where the Gospel of Jesus is preached and sung every night.

This work is essentially a faith work, and as such has been blessed by God. The faithful pastor has never received one dollar as salary, and though all the contributions which support the various enterprises are entirely voluntary, the work has never halted an hour for lack of means. Mr. Knox is a strong man, one whose heart has been set upon a clearly defined purpose, and no personal lack has ever turned him from the great and noble standard which he has set up to reach. May he be still prospered in his labors!

MARTIN G. HESS, the efficient and popular cashier of the Keystone National Bank of Manheim, is a native of Lancaster county, born in Penn township April 5, 1865, son of Levi H. and Salinda S. (Gross) Hess, now residents of Manheim. His father is a retired farmer, is domestic in his tastes, and a Republican in politics. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, namely: Noah, a fruit grower and farmer of Rothsville, Lancaster county; Henry, deceased; Martin G., of this review; Mary, wife of A. H. Brubaker, living near Rohrerstown, Lancaster county; Levi, manager of a branch house of the American Wringer Company at Springfield, Mass.; Phares, a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county; Salinda, at home; Elam, a school teacher in Lancaster county; Ammon, attending school at Mt. Hermon, Mass.; and Jerome, who is attending school in Manheim, and resides at home.

Martin G. Hess received his early education in the public schools near his boyhood home, and later





took a business course at the Coleman Business College, Newark, N. J. In June, 1888, he entered the Keystone National Bank, as a clerk, and in November, 1890, was appointed cashier, which responsible position he has since filled with credit and distinction. In December, 1901, he assisted in the organization of the Denver National Bank, of Denver, this county, and was elected its first president. He was one of the promoters of the Lancaster, Petersburg & Manheim trolley railroad, of which he is a director. Mr. Hess is a young man of good business ability, energetic and progressive, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or in social life.

On Sept. 23, 1890, Mr. Hess married Miss Emma R. Erb. Both hold membership in the German Reformed Church.

**JOHN F. LANDIS**, a retired farmer of West Donegal township, whose years and industrious life alike command respect and confidence, is still engaged in operating a feed mill in that township, on the farm where he has spent so many honest and laborious years.

Mr. Landis was born in Manheim township, near Neffsville, Sept. 30, 1837, son of David and Nancy (Frick) Landis, both natives of Lancaster county. The father was a farmer, and in his younger days a blacksmith, and retired from active work some two years prior to his death, Dec. 25, 1864, at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow survived many years, dying June 23, 1885, when over seventy-six years old. They were buried in the cemetery connected with the Landis Meeting House, a well-known place of worship in Manheim township for the Mennonite people, to whom they belonged. To them were born the following children, all deceased but Abraham and John F.: Eliza married George Shreiner; Mary died young; Ephraim died in Wadsworth, Ohio, at the age of fifty-three years; David died in Lancaster in 1900, aged sixty-five years; Abraham is a retired farmer in Washington county, Md.; Samuel died Oct. 21, 1865; his twin sister, Anna, married John Bollinger; Fanny married Jacob Kertz; Margaret married Christ Hess, of Manheim township, and died in 1900; John F. is mentioned below.

The paternal grandparents of John F. Landis were John and Mary (Snively) Landis, of Lancaster county, who spent their lives in farming. His maternal grandparents were John and Veronica (Martin) Frick, both Lancaster people.

John F. Landis and Magdalena Keller were married in Manheim township, Sept. 13, 1859, and to them have come the following children: Lizzie, wife of Jacob Horst, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Franklin K., an employee at Buch's works, in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Martin K., engineer in Kreider's shoe factory, Elizabeth, Pa.; Amanda K., deceased; Phares K., a farmer and operator of a steam

thresher in West Donegal township; Samuel K., a farmer, gristmiller and coachmaker in Rapho township; Maggie K., who married George Floyd, of West Donegal township; John K., deceased; Katie K., married to Harvey Hostetter, a farmer in West Donegal township; Harry K., salesman for the New Holland Machine works, who resides at Mt. Joy; and Clayton K., deceased.

Mrs. Magdalena Landis was born near Lititz, Pa., Dec. 6, 1839, daughter of Frederick and Catharine (Gross) Keller, both natives of Lancaster county, her father having been born on a farm in Ephrata township, and her mother in East Donegal, on the Gross homestead. They were farming people, and led worthy lives.

John F. Landis remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he married, and for eight years was engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead. At the end of that time he sold out and moved into Elizabeth township, where he engaged in farming for twelve years. Selling out, he moved to West Donegal township, on the farm of his wife's uncle, John Gross. In 1880 he built a new barn, in which he put up a steam custom chop mill, which he ran together with the farm until the spring of 1887, when he gave the charge of the farm to his son Phares and continued milling. On the night of Nov. 18, 1897, the barn mysteriously burned down. It was rebuilt, and the mill has continued in operation up to the present time.

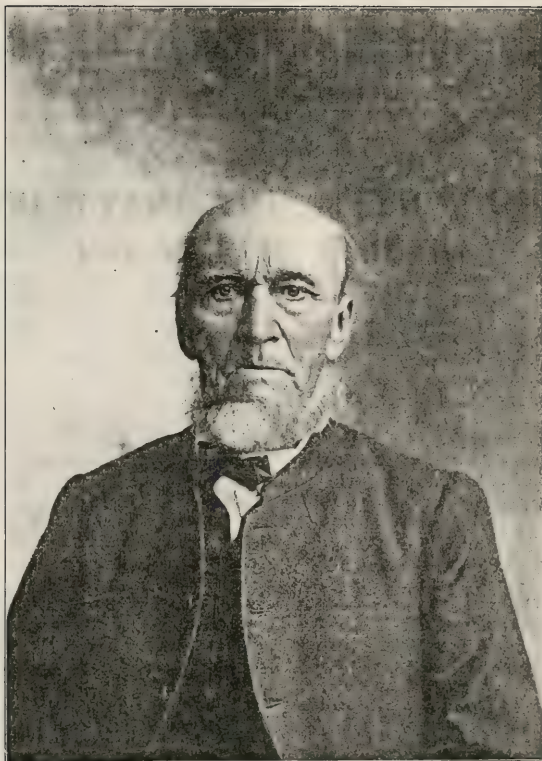
John F. Landis and his wife belong to what is called the Stauffer denomination, a non-voting people, who take no part in any office of the Commonwealth or participate in any worldly corporation.

**HENRY KEENER**, one of the old and most respected citizens of Lancaster county, has presented in his career an example of what may be accomplished by exemplary living, and the exercise of honesty and industry. Coming to Lancaster county a poor boy, with no capital but youth and energy, he is now regarded as one of the substantial citizens, whose financial backing would be sufficient to ensure the success of almost any enterprise. His accumulation of means has been accomplished through hard, earnest toil, as his principles would never have permitted him to look with any favor upon any speculative scheme with a view to increasing his possessions.

Henry Keener was born Jan. 31, 1810, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Henry and Maggie (Springling) Keener, both of whom in time became residents of the United States, and passed away in this land. Grandfather Keener was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, but the parents of Henry Keener were connected with the Presbyterian Church, in which the father was an elder. The mother lived to be seventy-three years old, and died in the home of her son George, while the father died in the home of his son Philip, at the age of seventy-five; both were buried in the old Musser burying-ground, in Lea-







Henry Keener



cock township. Henry and Maggie Keener were the parents of eight children: Philip, deceased; Peter, who died in Leacock township; Henry, whose name introduces this biography; Catherine, widow of Philip Hohman, who resided near New Holland; Stephen, a farmer of Leacock township; Mattie, deceased, who was the wife of A. Burrice; George, who was a farmer in Washington county, Md.; and Adam, a resident of Westchester, Pennsylvania.

Henry Keener was reared in his native country, and remained there until the age of twenty, at which time he decided that he could better his prospects by emigrating to the United States, and he was the first of his family to leave the old home. Making his way to a port in France, he embarked on the vessel "Louis Philippe," and landed on these shores March 23, 1840, a very homesick and discouraged youth for a time, as he was a stranger in a strange land, and understood very little of the language. The season for farm work was about opening, however, and he obtained a few months' employment at farm labor near Albany, N. Y. But after the harvest was gathered there was no more work for him in that locality, and he made his way to the metropolis, later to Philadelphia, and finally to Lancaster county, where he knew he should, at least, find countrymen. The fifty cents he had in his possession at the time of his arrival lasted but a short time, and he again felt almost disheartened, but calling his resolution to assist him he made his way to Bird-in-Hand, and soon made friends with a most excellent man, John Stauffer. This friend in need gave him employment at wood cutting and general utility work, and here he was also offered work in the mills, at \$15 per month, but he wisely decided that he could prosper better at farm work, and remained with his new friend and employer for more than a year.

In his early home Henry Keener had been taught habits of frugality, which he continued to practice later in life, the result being that year by year he was able to add to his means. When he married, in 1843, he began farming, in a small way, on sixteen acres of land in East Lampeter township, renting this property for two years. In the meantime he had purchased a small tract of land, upon which he lived two years, finally disposing of it and again renting, cultivating for two succeeding years a farm of eighty acres. Going next to Benjamin King's place, he took charge of his farm, remaining upon it for seven years, and then, in association with his brother Adam, rented the Lime Valley mill, conducting same for one year. At this time Mr. Keener felt ready to purchase the farm upon which he now lives, consisting then of seventy-one acres, and in the course of time bought seventy-five adjoining acres, later selling ten of these. He entered upon general farming on an extensive scale, giving that work his undivided attention, and employing the most approved methods in the production and succession of crops, demonstrating that

his long management of the land of others had well prepared him to make the best returns from his own. At present his son, John B., possesses the old farm, Mr. Keener retaining his last purchase, now sixty-five acres, for his own residence.

Henry Keener was married, in 1843, to Barbara Baily, who was born Feb. 22, 1822, and who died in February, 1901. They had three children: Maggie, who is the wife of Sylvester F. Sweigert, a farmer and baker in Paradise township; Lizzie, who is the wife of Samuel Martin, of Strasburg; and John B., who is one of the leading farmers of Strasburg township, is an elder in the Old Mennonite Church, and wedded Lizzie Martin. Mr. Keener is an adherent to the Old Mennonite faith, as was also his wife. He is one of the stockholders in the Strasburg National Bank. Many still remember when he was a poor but honest boy, a stranger in their midst, and his life tells its own lesson of what can be accomplished by steady, persistent effort. Mr. Keener has had a beneficial influence in Lancaster county, and no family is more highly respected, either in the church or in the community, than his.

JACOB FRANKLIN TREXLER, M. D., an eminent surgeon and physician of Lancaster, was born in Berks county May 3, 1803. His parents, Henry J. and Mary A. (Kercher) Trexler, are both descended from ante-Revolution families who came to America from Germany, and received their land grants in Berks county, Pa., from the then reigning king of England. The founders of the Trexler family in this country were two brothers, one of whom settled in Oley and the other in Mertztown, Berks county, the Doctor belonging to the latter branch of the family. Most of the members of this family have been engaged in farming and the iron industry, but several adopted professional pursuits, and became eminent in the ministry of the Lutheran Church and in the practice of medicine.

Jacob F. Trexler passed his boyhood on the home farm. He attended the district school, and on leaving the public school attended the Keystone Normal, and later Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pa., finally entering Muhlenburg College, at Allentown. In 1885 he began the study of medicine under Dr. P. W. Wertz, of Long Swamp, and in 1886 entered the University of Pennsylvania, and after three years of arduous study entered Jefferson Medical College, in 1893, from which he graduated with the class of 1894. There was an interim, however, between his leaving the University and his entering Jefferson College, of which he availed himself to travel quite extensively. For a time he was associated incidentally with the celebrated Dr. Agnew, from whom he received considerable assistance in the prosecution of his medical studies.

After graduation Dr. Trexler located in Lancaster, where his ability and skill found immediate recognition and secured for him a sure and re-





munerative practice. He gives considerable attention to bacteriology, as well as pathology, and he is now connected with St. Joseph's Hospital as a member of the staff, having charge of all examination with the X-ray apparatus. He is a constant and devoted student of his art, and is a member of the County Medical and Pathological Societies, to which he has contributed many valuable essays and reports of his personal experiences.

Besides his extensive medical practice the Doctor finds time to interest himself in industrial pursuits, so common in the great State of Pennsylvania. In partnership with his brother, John Louis Trexler, who individually operated a corn mill in Mertztown, the Doctor has been engaged since 1897 in the stave and lumber business at the same place, under the style of the Trexler Stave & Lumber Company, Limited, with branch plants at Ashfield and Huntingdon, and of this company the Doctor is president. They employ about eighty-four men, and the output is principally distributed throughout the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Dr. Trexler was united in marriage, in 1891, at Farmdale, Lancaster county, with Miss Ella Stoner Moore, daughter of Michael H. and Barbara S. Moore. The Doctor and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, in the work of which the Doctor has always been earnest and active ever since his confirmation in the faith. He was a member of the executive committee which organized the Lutheran League of America, and for two years was a treasurer of the State Lutheran League. The Doctor is very affable, and has won for himself hosts of friends, and he and his wife are ever welcome in the highest social circles of Lancaster, while his professional reputation is such as any physician might well take pride in, and still not be suspected or accused of vanity—a failing quite foreign to the Doctor's make-up.

AMAZIAH H. HOSTETTER, a very successful and popular hardware and implement dealer at Intercourse, was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 7, 1861, a son of Abram and Lydia A. (Herr) Hostetter. The father was born in 1833 in New Providence, was a farmer, and is now living retired in Paradise township. In his more active years he was quite prominent in local affairs, and long served as school director. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church. Abram and Lydia A. Hostetter have had the following children: Letitia married Andrew Harnish, of Strasburg township; Amaziah H. is mentioned below; Isaac, who married a Miss Slaymaker, is a farmer in Paradise township; Jacob is a resident of Strasburg township; Abraham died young.

The parents of Abram Hostetter were David and Catherine (Miller) Hostetter, farming people of Lancaster county. The parents of Mrs. Lydia A. Hostetter were Isaac and Elizabeth Herr, farming people of Lancaster county.

Amaziah H. Hostetter was married Nov. 28, 1883, in Lancaster, to Miss Evaline B. Denlinger. To this union came one child, Mary A. Mrs. Evaline B. Hostetter was born in Paradise township, Nov. 13, 1861, and is a sister of Mrs. Henry Hershey.

Amaziah H. Hostetter was reared on the paternal estate, and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-three years. For the twelve years ensuing he was engaged in farming, until 1895, in which year he went into his present business, which has become both lucrative and pleasant. His place of business he bought from Abram Kurtz. For some three years he was in partnership with Elmer Hilt, whom he bought out, and has since carried on the business alone. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics is a Republican.

ALDUS F. NEFF, a truck farmer of East Lampeter township, is one of the energetic and thrifty young farmer citizens of his locality. He was born July 13, 1864, in West Lampeter township, this county, son of Frederick Neff.

Frederick Neff was born in Lancaster county, Sept. 7, 1820, received a common-school education, and lived at home until he was about twenty-one years of age. He then learned the carpenter's trade with Peter Baker, of East Lampeter township, and after he had served his time began business for himself, contracting and building, which he followed until his death, Oct. 18, 1884. Mr. Neff was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married for his first wife Miss Joanna Caskey, and they were the parents of eight children: Mary, deceased; Jacob, of Lancaster City; John, deceased; Catherine, wife of Abraham Hoover; Salome, wife of Hosmer Aument; Barbara, deceased; Elam, deceased; and Susanna, deceased, wife of Henry Jones. The mother of these died March 24, 1858, and Mr. Neff married Mrs. Catherine (Meek) Raub, widow of Amos Raub. They became the parents of three children: Amanda, wife of David W. Herr; Amos, who is deceased; and Aldus F.

Aldus F. Neff lived at home with his parents until he was about twenty years of age, when he began farming and trucking for himself. He has continued same up to the present time by preference, although he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1899 he purchased the place where he now resides, and which contains four acres, one of the finest garden spots in Lancaster county. Mr. Neff is public-spirited and active in the affairs of his locality, having served efficiently as collector, three years; judge of election, four years; and inspector, four years. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

On Dec. 30, 1890, Mr. Neff wedded Miss Minnie Weitzel, daughter of George Weitzel, and to this union have been born two children, Earl W. and Catherine E., both at home. Mr. Neff is one



of Lancaster county's most progressive young men, fully alive to the best interests of the community in general.

**LAFAYETTE HAMILTON.** There are many young men and thriving agriculturists in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, but there are few who have reached prominence in two lines at so early an age as Lafayette Hamilton, whose residence and shop are in the village of Spring Garden.

Mr. Hamilton was born in the township of Paradise, May 20, 1860, son of Joseph and Margaret (Hoover) Hamilton, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer, and died near Gap, in Salisbury township, July 3, 1878, at the age of fifty-eight years; his wife died April 4, 1875, when she was forty-five years of age. They were devout members of the Episcopal Church, and were interred in Paradise township. Their family comprised six children, named as follows: Henry H., who is ticket agent for the railroad company at Atglen; Sally, wife of Henry H. Kurtz, a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Lafayette, whose name opens this sketch; Franklin, a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia; and Edwin and Walter, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Lafayette Hamilton were William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine Hoover, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was of Swiss extraction and a prominent farmer.

Lafayette Hamilton resided with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, and then served an apprenticeship of three years at blacksmithing at White Horse, Lancaster county. Later he worked for his brother-in-law, Harry H. Kurtz, for five years, and then settled on his present farm, on which is situated a hotel, which he also owns.

On Jan. 27, 1886, Lafayette Hamilton married, in Spring Garden, Miss Clara A. Worst, and this union has been blessed with two children, Clyde H. and Harry W. Mrs. Clara A. (Worst) Hamilton was born Nov. 10, 1859, on that part of Mr. Hamilton's farm on which the hotel alluded to above is situated, and is a daughter of Peter and Maria B. (Good) Worst, who came from Springville, Salisbury township, and Leacock township, respectively, and were married in 1858. Peter Worst was a prosperous farmer in his earlier life, but tiring of farm labor he built the "Spring Garden Hotel," in 1852, and conducted it successfully for six years. He then relinquished the business solely on account of the death of his wife, and rented out the premises. Mr. Worst next engaged in droving and butchering, but finally returned to farming, at which he continued until the marriage of his daughter, when he retired in favor of his son-in-law. He was the father of two children: Clara A., Mrs. Hamilton; and George B., of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Maria B. (Good) Worst was called away in December, 1862, at the age of twenty-five years, and Peter Worst

died Jan. 5, 1897, at the age of seventy-four, the remains of both were interred in the private burying-ground of the Worst estate, in Springville. Mr. Worst was quite prominent in his community, was very popular, and served as school director for many years. Henry and Mary (Kurtz) Worst, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Clara A. Hamilton, were farming people of Lancaster county. The grandfather died in 1884, at the age of eighty-nine years, his wife preceding him to the grave June 22, 1853. Their remains were also buried in the Worst family burying ground. Henry and Mary Worst were members of the Mennonite Church. They reared a family of ten children, as follows: Barbara, deceased wife of John Warner; Peter, deceased; Samuel, a farmer in Salisbury township; Elias, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Joseph Bear; Elizabeth, unmarried, and living in Springfield; Susannah, wife of Daniel Kurtz, a retired farmer living in Spring Garden; Henry, a merchant in Springville; Leah A., deceased; and Catherine, also deceased. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hamilton were Cyrus and Lovina (Bear) Good, farming people of considerable prominence in Leacock township.

In politics Mr. Hamilton is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker. The family ranks among the most respected residents of Salisbury township, and although comparatively young in years Mr. Hamilton enjoys an extended acquaintanceship, of which any man might well be proud.

**EVANS.** James Evans, the founder of the Evans family in Lancaster county was a native of Ireland, born in 1761. He married a Scottish woman, Margaret Miller, and came to Lancaster county, possibly locating in the vicinity of Lititz. His death occurred in 1805, and his widow lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. She was buried at Browns-town, Lancaster county, while the remains of her husband lie in Lititz. They had a family of three sons: (1) John, is mentioned below. (2) James, who was a tailor, lived and died in Lancaster county. (3) Robert, who was a minister of the Evangelical Church, spent his life in Lancaster county. In his later years he was an auctioneer. The father of this family was a mason by trade, and helped to build Binkley's Bridge.

John Evans, the eldest child in the above family, was born in August, 1799, and died Oct. 8, 1853. In early life he engaged in business as a butcher, locating in Manheim township, where his active career was spent. A short time before his death he moved to Lancaster City, where he lived retired. He carried on the butcher business for many years, and his establishment has been kept up to the present time. For many years he was an able and successful auctioneer. He was one of the leading citizens of his section. Of a patriotic disposition, at the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the State





Militia, notwithstanding his advanced years, and was ready to go to the front. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

John Evans married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick Nagle; her mother was a Hoofnagle. Mrs. Elizabeth Evans died in 1861, when sixty years of age. To them were born the following named children: (1) Maria married Hiram Campbell, and is deceased. (2) Isaac, who was a butcher, died in Lancaster when some seventy years of age. (3) David died when sixty years old. For thirteen years he was superintendent of the Lancaster county schools, for many years was a teacher in the public schools, and was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College. Later in his active life he was a real-estate dealer in Lancaster. (4) John is a retired farmer and cattle drover of Warwick township. (5) Frederick was a carpenter, and died at the age of fifty-six years. (6) Benjamin, the father of William L. Evans, is mentioned elsewhere. (7) William is an auctioneer at Lititz. (8) Charlotte is the wife of J. K. Stoner, of Lancaster. (9) Amanda is the widow of Samuel R. Myer, of Bareville, Lancaster county. (11) Anna E., unmarried, is a resident of Lancaster.

WILLIAM L. EVANS, one of the leading men of Manheim township, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, and was born in the city of Lancaster Jan. 27, 1863, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Groff) Evans, and grandson of John and Elizabeth Evans. The great-grandparents of William L. Evans came from Ireland.

Benjamin Evans was born on a farm about a half mile east of Neffsville, was reared on the farm, and learned the butcher's trade with his father. Very early in life he entered upon that business, being assisted by his brother-in-law, Hiram Campbell, while in Neffsville. Benjamin Evans had his shop in Lancaster on North Queen street, where he lived at that time. He followed butchering all his active days. About 1871 he purchased a tract of eighty-four acres, to which he added until he owned a farm of 144 acres, just north of Fruitville. There he established a butchering plant, which is now owned and operated by his son, and it is noted as one of the most complete in that part of the county. The slaughtering and dressing of the meats is all done there, and the salesroom is on North Queen street, Lancaster. Benjamin Evans long made his home on the farm, but his last days were spent under the roof of his son, Benjamin, where he died May 1, 1900, when sixty-nine years old. He was a man of genial temper and jovial spirits, and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle. In his death the community lost a valued citizen. For many years he was treasurer of the Dunkard Church, of which he was a member. He was very active in the promotion of the Baptist Brethren Church on Charlotte street, in the city of

Lancaster, and was always zealous in its welfare and upbuilding. His widow is still living at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans were the parents of the following children: Sarah, wife of Jerry Stump, of Bareville; Alfred D., a farmer in Manheim township; Frank, who is engaged in the meat market at Lancaster; Milton, who died when three years old; Ella, who died when seventeen years old; Lilly, wife of J. W. Lausinger, of the Millersville State Normal School; William L.; Benjamin G., a farmer in Manheim township; and one that died in infancy.

William L. Evans, whose name appears at the opening of this article, was reared to the butcher's trade, and received his education in the public school. When a young man he had a printing press, and did job work; he was expert in scroll work, and still retains some fine specimens of his skill in that line which adorn his home. When he had attained his majority, he associated himself with his father and brother in the butcher business, under the name of Benjamin Evans & Sons. In 1868 the father retired, and then the firm name became Benjamin Evans' Sons. For over a hundred years the Evans name has figured in the market annals of Lancaster county. Since the sons have had control they have made some radical changes in the conduct of the business, in both wholesale and retail lines. Their retail business is of large volume, and in the manufacture of sausage and Bologna they have attained a creditable reputation. William Evans has charge of the slaughtering and manufacture, while his brother looks after the store in Lancaster.

Mr. Evans, owns a farm of fifty-four acres where he has a fine home, which he has modernized and made beautiful. He was married Aug. 4, 1885, to Miss Fannie, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Brulaker) Keller, formerly from Penn township, but now residents of Manheim township. Mrs. Evans was born at Lime Rock, Penn township, Oct. 16, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have the following children: Samuel B., William Edgar, Florence A. and Paul K. They belong to the Dunkard Church, of the Mountville District, and all stand among the most worthy and respected people of the county.

B. FRANK MUSSER, deputy register of Lancaster county, residing at Mountville, this county, was born Nov. 13, 1864, a son of Martin G. and Mary Ann (Root) Musser.

Martin G. Musser, leaf tobacco merchant, and ex-vice president of the Mountville National Bank, was born near Silver Spring, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Jan. 19, 1842, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Gerber) Musser, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and East Donegal townships, and both of whom died on their farm near Silver Spring. Martin G. Musser, during the year 1888, purchased the Root Plow Works, located in the borough of Mount Joy, and caused the same to





be removed to Mountville, where it was incorporated and became known as the Mountville Manufacturing Co., of which he was elected its first president, serving as such until 1896, when he was elected register of wills of Lancaster county, and served for the term of three years. Mr. Musser was one of the organizers of the Mountville National Bank, and was vice-president until 1901, when he resigned. He has ever been one of the most active and progressive business men of Mountville, and there is no one in the community who has borne a cleaner business character than he. His advice in business matters is invariably sought by the people of the place in which he resides.

On June 9, 1864, Martin G. Musser married Mary Ann Root, and to this union was born the following family: B. Frank; John M., railway mail clerk; Mary E., wife of Iverson A. Witmer; Elizabeth, at home; and Martin E., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, formerly a teacher of Latin in the Lebanon High School, then a student one year in the University of Pennsylvania, and now a law student. Mary Ann (Root) Musser was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, March 2, 1840, and died June 12, 1891. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Frantz) Root, who settled in West Hempfield township in 1848, the father dying in Landisville.

Michael Musser, father of Martin G. Musser, was born Feb. 24, 1815, was a farmer and school director for many years, and died in 1895. His wife was born March 12, 1816, and died in 1857, the remains of both being buried on the old homestead, in West Hempfield township. To Michael Musser and his first wife, Elizabeth Gerber, there was born a large family, as follows: Jacob, born March 28, 1830, is deceased; Benjamin G., born in September, 1838, is a farmer in West Hempfield township; Anna G., born July 18, 1840, became the wife of Henry Kaufman, and died in 1899; Martin G., born Jan. 19, 1842, is mentioned above; Michael was born in February, 1844; Barbara, born April 19, 1846, is married to Daniel D. Forry, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Elizabeth, born in July, 1848, is the wife of George Strickler, a farmer of York county; Fanny, born Sept. 18, 1850, is married to J. H. Nolt, a farmer of West Hempfield township; John, born in January, 1853, is a farmer of East Hempfield township; Andrew, born in March, 1855, died in infancy; and Mary, twin of Andrew, died when she was in her seventh year. The second marriage of Michael Musser was to Fanny Hersh, and to this union have been born two children: Christ H., born June, 1859, a farmer in West Hempfield township, and Henry H., born in July, 1864, who is farming the old homestead.

The paternal grandparents of Martin G. Musser were Martin and Anna (Sechrist) Musser, natives and farming people of West Hempfield township. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara Gerber, who were also farmers.

B. Frank Musser lived on the home farm until seven years old, when his parents removed to Mountville. Here he attended the district schools until nineteen years of age, and then the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1881, when he began assisting his father in the leaf tobacco business. From 1886 to 1897, he engaged in farming, and also in the sale of farming implements.

B. Frank Musser was married to Nora Yohn, in 1885, and this marriage has been favored with one child, Mary B. Mrs. Nora Musser was born in Mountville, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Baker) Yohn.

#### WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER LILLER.

Among the prominent citizens of Lancaster, particularly conspicuous on account of his official position as Adjutant General of the Spanish-American War Veterans of the United States, is William Christopher Liller, the able editor of *The United States Volunteer*, the official organ of that association. Aside from official duties, Mr. Liller is a keen and successful man of business, and with ability fills the offices of president and general manager of the Liller Manufacturing Company, and at the same time holds a controlling interest in the Volunteer Publishing Company, an incorporation organized in Delaware.

Christopher Liller, the grandfather of William C., married a sister of Frank Pfeiffer, who for many years was Lancaster's most prominent slater. Mrs. Liller is now deceased, but Mr. Liller is still an esteemed resident of the city.

The parents of William C. Liller were George C. and Anna (Lippold) Liller, the former a well-known manufacturer of toilet articles, and the latter a sister of Charles Lippold, the efficient school tax collector. A family of seven children was born to George C. Liller and his wife: Lottie, who is the wife of George Krantz, of Lancaster; George, who is a soldier in the United States army, stationed at Fort Russell, Wyo.; Henry, Annie, Frederick and Herbert, at school; and William C.

William Christopher Liller was born in Lancaster, Sept. 8, 1878, and after receiving a partial education in the public schools of the city attended the University of Tennessee for a time. He then entered the office of Col. H. Frank Eshleman, one of the leading members of the bar, as a student at law. Mr. Liller was connected with the Lancaster *Daily Intelligencer*, on which he gained his first knowledge of newspaper work.

So little time has elapsed since our Nation was aroused over the issues of the Spanish-American war that it is only necessary to refer to the thrilling uprising among the youth of the land, ready, willing and anxious to offer their lives for their country, and to make a personal application, in the case of Mr. Liller. With loyal enthusiasm he put aside his books and the certainty of success in his chosen ca-



reer, and enlisted for service in the 6th United States Cavalry on May 15, 1898, faithfully serving through the Santiago campaign, in the 5th and the 4th Army Corps, until the peace protocol had been signed, when he received an honorable discharge from the army, his papers having the endorsement which reads "service honest and faithful," which his children will preserve with care among their dearest records. While a trooper in the famous 6th Cavalry this young soldier was appointed troop clerk, his many excellent qualities and sterling attributes being recognized, and winning him promotion and the esteem of his superior officers.

Upon his return to civil life Mr. Liller at once set about the organization of the Spanish-American war veterans into a National association similar in intent and purpose to the Grand Army of the Republic, and how well he has succeeded, acting conjointly with other comrades, finds daily illustration in the rapidly swelling ranks of this large and already powerful organization, of which he has the honor to be adjutant general, and acting quartermaster general.

In taking the initiative in forming this new Grand Army Mr. Liller had with him the patriotic sentiment of the country, and he soon interested a number of prominent men in the project, these including such reliable and upright officers as Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Gen. I. P. S. Gobin and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. It required a man of exceptional ability to bring about the solidity of this organization, and that Mr. Miller possessed the necessary attributes is evidenced by its present condition, although he has found it necessary to give time, money and personal attention to it.

During the annual national convention Mr. Liller won many personal friends and admirers, his youth and enthusiasm inspiring all to renewed effort for the success of this laudable enterprise. There are now some 500 camps of Spanish-American War Veterans, scattered through every State and Territory, including our colonial acquisitions, Col. A. L. Hawkins Camp, of Lancaster, having over 125 members on its honorable roll, including such distinguished men as Capt. Hobson of "Merrimac" fame.

Although the life of a soldier leaves little time for outside work, Mr. Liller kept up his newspaper connection to the extent of contributing some of the most able and succinct war articles published at that time, many of them being so pertinent and interesting that they found their way into the city press, in New York and Philadelphia. His present enterprise is an outgrowth of the organization which it represents, and no more able editor could be found than Mr. Liller. His pen is that of a ready writer, and he has had the satisfaction of noting that a number of his editorial articles have appeared, with approval, in the columns of leading papers in various sections. While the duties of the association are exacting, he is able also to attend

to his personal business interests with ability, his position as President of the Volunteer Publishing Company and the affairs of the Liller Manufacturing Company giving him no time to take any active part in politics. However, he finds time for active membership in the Society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba, Order of the American Eagle, United States Volunteer Association (National secretary), Military Order of Foreign Wars, American Flag Association, and Army and Navy Union.

Mr. Liller was married April 2, 1900, to Miss Alice May Kreider, daughter of Jacob Kreider, a retired citizen of Lancaster, and into their happy home have come twin sons, Richard Corvett and Eugene Montgomery, who have the best chance in the world of being trained into loyal and patriotic citizens of a country which their father so proudly served.

WILLIAM HOPKINS, prominently known in the business circles of East Drumore township, where he was born May 23, 1855, son of James M. and Harriet L. (Webb) Hopkins, has made a place for himself among the successful men of Lancaster county.

James Hopkins, his grandfather, was in his time a prominent lawyer in Lancaster. He became the father of four sons and one daughter, and two of the sons, Washington and George, following in the footsteps of their distinguished father, were brilliant members of the legal profession. Anna, the only daughter, married Newton Lightner, also a lawyer. William was a farmer in East Drumore township.

James M. Hopkins, son of James, and father of William, was born in Lancaster March 19, 1811, and lived in East Drumore township, where for many years he carried on the Conaway furnaces, founded by his father, becoming one of the prominent and influential citizens of his section of the county. His death occurred in January, 1896, when he was in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, who was born in 1819 at Pine Grove Forge, this county, passed to her reward in 1900. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are living: (1) Elizabeth O. married James Alexander, a lawyer of Lancaster, and both are deceased. They had four children, Howard, Percy, Mary (who married George S. Washington, of Philadelphia) and James H. (2) Washington W., born in 1838, lives in Port Deposit. By his first wife, Harriet Rogers, he had three children—Louisa, who died young; Edward, a resident of Philadelphia; and Herbert, who died young. By his second marriage to May Loag, were born two children, Christian and Marion. Mr. Hopkins practiced law in Lancaster many years. (3) Laura is the widow of Samuel H. Rutter, of Pottstown, Pa., and lives in Lancaster. (4) Henry C., born in East Drumore, is a real-estate dealer in Lancaster. He married Miss Annie Naumbee, by whom he has four living





children. Henry. Annie L., Elizabeth Isabell and Ralph. Elizabeth died young. (5) Louisa died in young womanhood. (6) Robert C. is a banker at Port Deposit, Md. He married Miss Mary Rowland, a daughter of Dr. Rowland, of Cecil county, Md., and four of their children are living. Louisa (the wife of John Matthews), Francis, Mary and Ross. (7) Anna died at the old home in her early womanhood. (8) James was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in hospital. (9) Harriet married Clinton Deaver, of Dayton, Ohio, where he is a college professor. They have four children, Walter, Richard, Mary and Catherine. (10) Newton died at the home of his parents in 1876. (11) Emma married Harry Gardner, and lives in Lancaster. They have one daughter, Harriet L. (12) William is mentioned below.

William Hopkins received his education in the public schools of Lancaster county and at Chambersburg. For twenty-five years he was manager of his father's extensive interests, looking after his grist mill, farms, etc. In December, 1882, he married Miss Mary C., daughter of William and Martha (Rutter) Brooke, and sister of Major Gen. John R. Brooke, now of Governors Island, New York harbor. Both the Rutters and Brookes were prominent in Montgomery county. William Brooke was born near Portstown, where he was known as Major Brooke, and died at his home in that city in 1873, after an active and useful life. His widow passed to her reward in 1879, leaving one son, the Major General, and two daughters: Caroline, who is the wife of Samuel S. Campbell, and Mary C., Mrs. Hopkins, who was born in Montgomery county, and obtained her education in the Pottstown schools. She is a scholarly lady, of many charms, and enjoys many friends.

After his marriage Mr. Hopkins located on his father's farm in East Drumore, where he has resided to the present time, and made a creditable reputation for himself in agricultural and commercial circles. He owns a large herd of Jersey cattle, which he devotes to his own creamery.

All the members of the Hopkins family are staunch Republicans. William Hopkins has been school director for several years. Both himself and wife belong to the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, where he is one of the elders.

**JAMES G. McSPARRAN.** Among the leading citizens of the southern part of Lancaster county, is James G. McSparran, a retired farmer of Fairfield, Drumore township, who is one of the wealthy, intelligent and traveled residents of this section.

Mr. McSparran was born Dec. 19, 1843, in Drumore township, a son of the late John and Isabel (McCullough) McSparran, and a grandson of James McSparran, one of the influential farmers of this part of the county, where he took part in public affairs, and reared a numerous family, eleven of

his fifteen children living to maturity, these being: James and Isabel, twins; Grizzell; Eliza; John; Eleanor; Fleming; Thomas; William; Rachel and Margaret. Grandfather McSparran was of sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry, and came to Lancaster county among the early settlers, purchasing the farm which is still in the possession of the family, being now the property of Thomas McSparran, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume.

John McSparran, the father of James G. McSparran, was born April 28, 1808, and died May 25, 1885. On Jan. 9, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Isabel McCullough, who was born Nov. 23, 1815, and died Aug. 29, 1845, a daughter of William McCullough. She also claimed among her ancestors natives of both Ireland and Scotland. The only surviving child of this union was James G., who is the subject of this sketch. John McSparran was an active and ardent Democrat all his life, and was identified with political and religious matters for many years, being considered justly one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. His rearing had been in the Presbyterian Church, and he never departed from its teachings, living a most estimable life.

James G. McSparran was reared as a farmer boy, and has never lost his deep interest in agricultural matters, for many years operating one of the finest farms in this part of the county. His primary education was conducted in the common schools of Drumore township, and later he became an apt pupil of the Chestnut Level Academy, but to his great love of reading and his extended travels must be attributed in great measure the intellectual attainments which make of him one of the most intelligent and thoroughly educated men of this community. His advantages have been manifold, and he has utilized them all.

The only child of his parents to reach maturity, our subject inherited their considerable property, improving and adorning it, adding other land to his possessions, as years went by, until at present Mr. McSparran is reckoned one of the most substantial men of the township. His farm land includes two valuable properties in Drumore township, and one in Providence township, located near Quarryville. The home farm is situated in Drumore township, near Fairfield, and here is found an ideal country home, surrounded as it is with fine buildings, and supplied with all of the modern appliances and conveniences which add not only to the comfort, but also to the health, of its occupants. Mr. McSparran also owns a valuable store property in Chestnut Level, and in addition to this he possesses personal property aggregating a large amount. He is one of the original stockholders, and is a director of the Union Trust Co., of Lancaster.

On Dec. 29, 1864, James G. McSparran was married to Miss Sarah M. Collins, of Colerain township, who was born on Nov. 13, 1843, a daugh-



ter of Thomas C. and Grace (McCullough) Collins, of Colerain township. To Mr. and Mrs. Collins were born seven children, as follows: James, a prominent farmer of Colerain township; Hugh M., also a well-known farmer of Colerain township; Mary, deceased; Grace, a resident of Drumore township; Cornelius, deceased; Thomas; and Sarah M., who is the wife of Mr. McSparran. She has, also, the following half brothers and half sisters: Ross C., a resident of Quarryville; Emma G., who is the wife of William Anderson, of Ohio; and Bertha L., who is a teacher in a college at Tarkio, Missouri.

The children who came to bless the marriage of Mr. McSparran and his estimable wife were: Isabella May, born Aug. 12, 1867, was married Jan. 23, 1901, to Charles A. McSparran, secretary and chief bookkeeper in Metcalf's Mallicable Iron Co., in Erie, Pa.; Thomas C., born Nov. 13, 1869, died Sept. 27, 1875; Chella Grace, born Sept. 23, 1871, resides at home; John A., born Oct. 22, 1873, a very brilliant young man and fine scholar, is an A. B. graduate of Lafayette College, Pa.; and James O., the youngest, was born March 1, 1877, and resides in Philadelphia.

Perhaps no man in this section has kept up more with public interest and progress, outside of professional or political life, than has Mr. McSparran, for he is a man of wide and extended reading and is a reflective thinker. Although one of the most active members of the Democratic party, loyal to its candidates and principles, he is no office seeker, consenting only to serve in the capacity of school director, having ever had a deep interest in educational matters. His own children have been afforded every possible advantage. Mr. McSparran is a leading member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, in which he has long been an elder, and is the interested and efficient Sunday school superintendent. In 1860 Mr. McSparran took a trip through Palestine and the Holy Land, going about two-thirds around the world, fitting himself very thoroughly as a teacher in his beloved Sunday school, where he is most highly appreciated. The past year has been enjoyed by himself and wife in an extended trip through California, the journey homeward being heightened in pleasure by a visit to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. In every relation of life Mr. McSparran has borne himself in a manly, upright, conscientious manner, and well deserves the high encomiums lavished upon him by his neighbors who have known him through so many years.

**HENRY CLAY SHENCK**, dealer in second-hand furniture and antiques, located opposite Fulton Opera House, on North Prince street, Lancaster, is a son of the venerable Henry S. Shenck, a sketch of whose life and ancestry appears elsewhere.

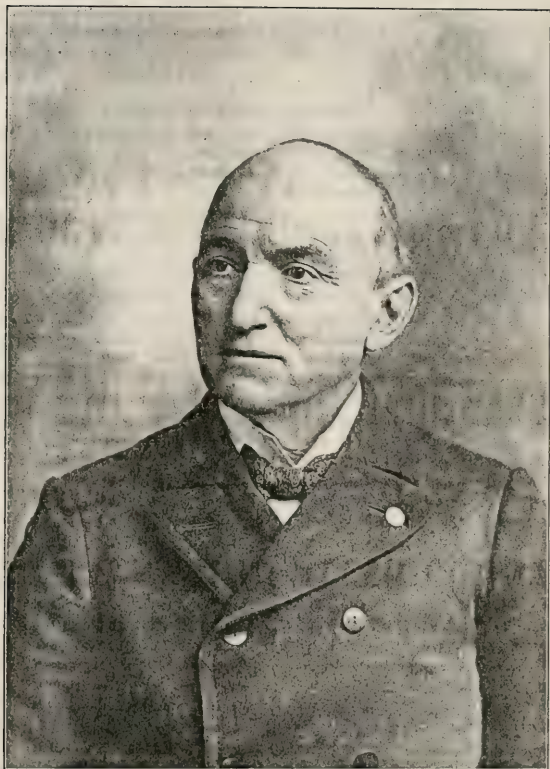
Henry Clay Shenck was born at Chickies (where his father then kept hotel), Oct. 24, 1843. He was

educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and left the Boys' High School shortly before the graduation of his class to enter the army, enlisting April 20, 1861, in the Jackson Rifles of Lancaster, when the first call for 75,000 men for three months was made, in the war of the Rebellion. This company became a part of the 1st P. V. I. Having been honorably discharged July 27, 1861, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment, young Shenck re-enlisted, Sept. 16, 1861, this time with the 79th P. V. I., for three years, but was discharged Sept. 3, 1862, at Nashville, by general orders. Next we find him veteranizing, March 24, 1864, for a term of three years, this time with the 9th Pa. Vet. Vol. Cal., to which his brother, A. F. Shenck, belonged, and in which he himself became a corporal. While a member of Company K, 79th Regiment, he was detached for a time as a musician, but after having been mustered out as a musician, in 1862, re-entered the service as a private. Between his second and third enlistments he served, during the Morgan raid, in the Ohio militia. From the time he became Corporal Shenck, in the 9th P. V. V. C., in March, 1864, to the close of the war, it is safe to say that he was engaged in fully one hundred battles and skirmishes, including the siege of Savannah, and other memorable military movements and engagements. The war ended, he was discharged at Lexington, N. C., July 18, 1865, and went to Ohio, following his trade, that of a wheelwright, in that State, until 1875, when he returned to the East, spending seven years in Westchester in the same business. Returning to Lancaster, he became turnkey at the station house, having been appointed to that position by the late D. P. Rosenmiller, then mayor of Lancaster.

In 1886 Mr. Shenck opened the pioneer business in second-hand furniture in the city, starting in the building on North Prince street, where he is still located, and which belonged to the estate of the late Hon. Anthony E. Roberts, ex-member of Congress from this District. Later he purchased the building, as well as the adjoining property on the south, which he occupies as a dwelling. The property used for business purposes has a frontage of seventy-two feet on Prince street, is four stories high, and has seventeen rooms, every one of which is filled with second-hand furniture, much of it antique and therefore very valuable. In fact, Mr. Shenck makes a specialty of antiques, shipping these goods to New York, Illinois, Georgia, California—all over the country. Indeed, so extensive had the business become at the date of this writing (1901) that its originator and owner was preparing plans for an addition of two more floors, and the erection of an electric elevator, his purpose being to conduct a great storage as well as furniture business.

On July 26, 1877, Mr. Shenck was married to Eliza J. Boozer, daughter of Harry Boozer, of Westchester, and to this union came three children, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Helen, who is at home; and Henry Sheldon, of the class





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of 1904, Boys' High School. Mr. Shenck is a member of Post No. 31, G. A. R., of Chester county. Politically he is a Republican, as are all the members of his family; but the only political preferences he ever received were his appointment as turnkey of the city station house, under Mayor Rosenmiller, and his appointment as alderman of the First ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Gendaker. This appointment was made by Gov. Hastings, and Mr. Shenck served for at least seven months. Although exercising not a little political influence in his district, as well as in city and county affairs generally, Mr. Shenck attends strictly to business, and no better evidence of this is needed than is found in the success which has attended him.

**JOHN JACKSON.** Lancaster county is noted for its successful farmers, and among those who belong to that class is John Jackson, of Little Britain township, who was born Dec. 4, 1854, son of Robert and Eliza (Irwin) Jackson.

Robert Jackson was born in Ireland in 1828, and died in April, 1898. His wife, who was also born in 1828, died in 1893. They came to America while young, and were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Annie Margaret, wife of Dr. J. S. McNutt, a physician of Philadelphia, Pa.; John; Andrew A., a farmer of Little Britain township (mentioned elsewhere); Robert, a farmer of Little Britain township; Joseph, a farmer of Little Britain township (mentioned elsewhere); Mary, wife of Fred Gregg, a farmer of Drumore township; and Ella, wife of George Pollock, a merchant of Philadelphia, Pa., the youngest of the family now living. Robert Jackson, the father of this family, was a Democrat in politics. He was a man who earned the esteem of his neighbors and labored hard to rear his family well.

John Jackson was reared upon the farm, and attended the district schools. While still a boy he commenced to work his way in life, and he now has one of the best cultivated farms in Lancaster county, consisting of 150 acres of excellent farming land, on which he has a comfortable residence and commodious barn—the pride of the surrounding country. His outbuildings are in excellent condition, and in addition to general farming Mr. Jackson is an extensive dealer in stock, being very successful in all his enterprises.

On Feb. 25, 1880, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Alice M. Jenkins, a daughter of Isaac and Eliza Jenkins, of Little Britain township. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had a family of five children: Rebecca, unmarried, of Oak Hill, Pa.; Evan S., deceased; Jacob E., of Fulton township; George P., of Oak Hill; and Alice M., Mrs. Jackson. Elijah Jenkins, Mrs. Jackson's grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson: Laura E., Annie L., Walter R., Mary R. and John E., all at home. They are

a happy, contented home circle, undisturbed as yet by death. Mrs. Jackson and the family attend the Presbyterian Church of Little Britain. In politics Mr. Jackson, like his father before him, is a staunch Democrat. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a worthy, good man, a kind-hearted neighbor, and the respect in which he is held by those who know him is well deserved.

**P. HARRY WOHLSEN,** one of the well-known young men of Lancaster, was born in that city Oct. 29, 1875, and is a son of William Wohlsein, one of its well-known business men of high standing.

Peter Wohlsein, grandfather of P. Harry, was born in 1824 in Hanover, Germany, and grew to manhood on a farm in that country. He learned the trade of bricklayer, which he followed, and after coming to America, in 1884, he worked with his son William until 1896, since which time he has lived retired. He married Catherine Oelrich, also a native of Hanover, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-one. She is buried in Zion Lutheran cemetery. Peter and Catherine Wohlsein had children as follows: William, father of P. Harry; Peter N., who is a contractor and builder of Lancaster; Herman F., also a contractor and builder of Lancaster; and Anna, wife of Henry Eisen, of Lancaster.

William Wohlsein was born Dec. 24, 1847, in Hanover, Germany, passed his youth on his father's farm, and when seventeen years of age began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Germany until his emigration to America, in 1870. On coming to this country he immediately settled in Lancaster, and for a year worked as a contractor and builder, in 1871 purchasing a small planing-mill. He has continued in that business to the present day, enlarging his mill from a one-horse-power concern to one of the largest and best patronized establishments in Lancaster county, giving employment to fifty hands. Meantime Mr. Wohlsein had continued to carry on contracting and building, but he gave up this branch of business in order to give the greater part of his time and attention to his mill interests. Of late he has had another demand on his time, the management of the affairs of the Union Trust Company, organized Oct. 17, 1901, and opened for business March 17, 1902. The company has an authorized capital of \$300,000, and a paid capital of \$150,000. Mr. Wohlsein is president of the concern, with D. F. Buchmiller as vice-president; S. Z. Evans, secretary and treasurer; and John M. Groff, solicitor.

In 1866 Mr. Wohlsein married Catherine Klenck, a native of Hanover, born in October, 1849, daughter of Henry Klenck, a farmer of Germany, who never came to this country. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wohlsein, Mary married Stewart Griffith, teller of the Union Trust Company; Anna married Henry Behren; P. Harry is mentioned be-



low; William H. is connected with his father's mill; John O. is shipping clerk for his father; Catherine is attending school in Philadelphia; Clarence L. and B. Frank are living at home; Minnie and Emma died when young. In religious connection Mr. Wohlsen is united with the Lutheran Church, and has been a member of the vestry for the past twelve years. Fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F., the Red Men and the Freemasons, in which latter he has reached the Knight Templar degree. His political sympathy is with the Republican party. He was appointed by the court to the board of park commissioners.

P. Harry Wohlsen was reared and educated in his native city, and at an early age commenced working with his father in the planing-mill, in which all his business career has been passed. When a young man he took a course at business college, attending until he was eighteen, at which time he was made superintendent in the mill, a position in which he was retained until January, 1901, when he went into business with his father, having ably demonstrated his ability and fitness.

On Sept. 26, 1901, Mr. Wohlsen was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Shaub, daughter of Samuel C. and Elizabeth Shaub, of Lancaster, where the wedding was celebrated. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and socially is connected with the Masonic fraternity. His political support is given to the Republican party. As a well-balanced, industrious young man, full of energy and business "go," Mr. Wohlsen holds an enviable place among the younger men in the business circles of Lancaster county.

REV. SANFORD B. LANDIS, a zealous and popular minister of the Mennonite Church, is as yet a young man, in the full vigor of life's prime, having been born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Aug. 1, 1867. His family is one of the oldest, best known and most esteemed of that bailiwick, and he himself is one of the most popular and respected members of his community. His grandfather, Benjamin Landis, married Mary Buckwalter.

Jacob Landis, father of Sanford B., was born in the township of Upper Leacock in 1840, and followed the vocation of a farmer until twelve years after his marriage, when he removed to Philadelphia and engaged in the business of a commission merchant. He was successful in this venture, and continued in the same line of trade until his death, which occurred Feb. 6, 1890. In 1859 he married Mary Bender, and to this union came three daughters and two sons: Nettie, Emma, Ida, Theodore and Sanford B. All the daughters are married, Nettie to Aaron D. Landis, Emma to Harry L. Sheaffer, and Ida to Abram Landis. Theodore, on reaching manhood, became associated with his father in business, and is still a commission merchant in Philadelphia.

Sanford B. Landis enjoyed in youth only the rather limited educational advantages afforded by the common schools, but he improved them to the utmost. Naturally fond of study, he devoted every spare hour to adding to the store of knowledge obtained at school, and throughout life he has been a constant, thoughtful and critical reader. He is also fond of cultivating the soil, in which vocation he has been exceedingly successful, owning a choice farm in the eastern part of East Lampeter township, which he has highly improved. In 1895 he was chosen and ordained to the Mennonite ministry, and he has since officiated in the Mellinger and Stumptown districts, where his devoted spirit, kindly disposition and broad charity have made him honored by the community, and best loved by those who know him best.

On Jan. 24, 1892, Sanford B. Landis married Miss Nora Landis, daughter of Adam and Lavinia Landis. Three children have been born to them, Edna May, John Ellis and Elma.

BENJAMIN OWEN BRACKBILL (deceased). A man of quiet manners yet forceful in his influence upon the community in which he lived until cut off by an untimely death, was Benjamin Owen Brackbill, a representative of a sterling old Lancaster county family, a life long farmer and a citizen who won the esteem and good will of his many acquaintances. He was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 19, 1848, son of Benjamin and Susan (Howry) Brackbill. He was reared in Paradise township, where members of his father's family still reside, attending the district schools, and in the serenity of agricultural life developing a character of strength and of many lovable traits. He was married in the Mennonite Church of Salisbury township, Nov. 5, 1878, to Miss Anna Martin, whose ancestors were old and prominent pioneers of the county. She was born in Salisbury township Aug. 14, 1853, daughter of Joseph and Mattie (Oberholzer) Martin, natives, respectively, of Salisbury and Warwick townships, and the granddaughter of Abraham and ——— (Hurst) Martin, prominent farmers of Lancaster county, and of Samuel and Martha Oberholzer, also farmers of Lancaster county. Abraham Martin, the paternal grandfather, was twice married, his second wife having been Anna Hostetter. Joseph Martin, the father of Mrs. Brackbill, was born in 1822, and was a life long farmer. He died in September, 1900, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the old Mennonite cemetery near Farmersville. His wife, Mattie, died in 1869, aged forty-one years, and was buried in Hershey's cemetery. They were devout members of the Mennonite Church. To Joseph and Mattie Martin were born the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Keener, a farmer near Strasburg; Magdalena, who married Elam Landis, and is now deceased; Anna, wife of Mr. Brackbill; Samuel, who resides





on the old homestead in Salisbury; Abraham, deceased; Henry, deceased; Isaac, deceased; Joseph, deceased; and David, deceased. Joseph Martin, the father, was twice married, his second wife having been Catherine Oberholzer, a sister of his first wife. To this second marriage was born one child, Susanah, who died young.

To Benjamin O. and Anna (Martin) Brackbill were born children as follows: Martin, a bookkeeper at Lancaster; Edith S.; Abraham B., a student at Millersville State Normal School; Isaac D.; Mary E.; Joseph E.; and Moses A. Benjamin Owen Brackbill settled upon the farm of eighty acres in Salisbury township, which he continued to occupy until his death Sept. 26, 1896. He was buried in the Old Hershey Mennonite Church cemetery in Salisbury township. He was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, to which faith his surviving family adheres. In politics he was a Republican. Aided by the worthy efforts of his devoted wife he made a success of the farm and was regarded as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist. His widow survives, and is highly respected for her womanly qualities and her devotion to home and children.

JACOB L. BRISON, of Columbia, is of Irish ancestry. His grandfather, William Brison, came to this country in 1773, settling in Lancaster county. He was a farmer, hale and robust, and lived to the extraordinary age of ninety-four.

William Brison, father of Jacob L., a farmer, was born in Paradise township, as was also his wife, Martha Harsh, whose father, Jacob, was a veterinary surgeon. Mr. and Mrs. William Brison removed from Paradise to Bart township in 1848. There, in 1852, the wife died, at the age of thirty-two. He survived her forty-five years, passing away in 1897, in Strasburg, after passing his eighty-fifth milestone. Both rest in New Holland cemetery. Their seven children were named: Mary E., Jacob L., James, Martha E., Amanda, Louis and Winfield. Mary E. and James are deceased. Martha E. is the wife of Fred Stively, a farmer of Strasburg township. Amanda is unmarried, and lives in Lancaster. Louis is a successful physician of Paradise, and Winfield holds a responsible position in connection with the railroad repair department at Quarryville.

Jacob L. Brison grew up on his father's farm, and in 1876 began life's battle on his own account. Going to Columbia, he worked for three years for the Pennsylvania road as brakeman. He spent three and a half years in the position of fireman, and was then placed in charge of an engine. He is still in the company's service in that capacity, his experience, fidelity and capability standing him in good stead. He is a Republican in politics, and, through his natural intelligence and ready grasp of public questions, has won for himself the sincere esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Brison married, in October, 1869, Susan Huber, of Quarryville, who was born in Providence township March 21, 1850. Her parents were Henry S. and Fanny Barr Huber. Mr. Huber was a farmer, and died in 1887, at the age of sixty-five, his wife passing away in 1856, in her forty-first year. Mrs. Brison was their fourth child. After her mother's death her father married Anna Barr, by whom he was the father of one child, Mary E., who died in childhood. Of the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Brison, Christianna, died in infancy; Anna married Amos Groff, whose biography may be found elsewhere; Elam is a shoemaker in New Providence; Christian is a farmer; Fanny died before reaching womanhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brison has been blessed with a daughter and two sons. Anna, the eldest child, married Willard P. Lindermuth, of York, a railway brakeman. Charles M. is foreman of the Greer Iron Works, and married Mary Speng. William H., the youngest son, lives at home.

JOHN GRADY. Conspicuous among the business men of Marietta, Pa., where he conducts a successful livery business and is identified with much of the commercial and public life of the town, is John Grady, a son of Adam and Catherine (Helwick) Grady, born Nov. 7, 1840.

Adam Grady was a native of Hessen Cassel, Germany, where he married Catherine Helwick, and in 1839 brought his family to America, settling in Marietta, where he lived a busy life as a laborer, always doing his full duty until his death, in 1888, at the age of eighty-one; his faithful wife passed away two months previously, at the age of seventy-nine. Both had been consistent members of the Reformed Church. They reared these children, only two of whom survive: Catherine; John, the subject of this biography; Harry C., who served in the Civil war, and is now in the tobacco business, in Marietta; Anna, who married Christian Troub; and Frederick.

John Grady was reared in Marietta, where he attended school and worked in the surrounding farming region until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he entered the army as a wagon master, being sent first to Harrisburg, later to Hagerstown, Md., and then with his train followed the Army of the Potomac, continuing to be thus engaged until 1863. At this date he enlisted as a private in Co. K, 190th P. V. I., and remained until the close of the war, faithfully serving his country, and was honorably discharged and mustered out, near Richmond, Virginia.

After the close of the war, Mr. Grady returned to his home and took up peaceful pursuits, finally becoming interested in tobacco culture, in which he was eminently successful, and he remained in this business until 1885, when he opened up a first-class livery establishment.

Mr. Grady was first married in 1866, in Mari-



etta, to Miss Mary A. Hartman, and the children born to this union are: Charles A., who married Mary C. Heidler, is a representative of the Pennsylvania Construction Co.; and Tillie A. married Elmer E. Pauls, manager of the livery business, in Marietta. The mother of these children was born in Marietta, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ockard) Hartman, of Lancaster county, and died in 1888. The second marriage of Mr. Grady was in Maytown, in 1892, to Mrs. Lucinda (Sherbahn) Shainer, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Reiff) Sherbahn, of Maytown, where the former was a brief manufacturer. Mr. Sherbahn died in 1895 at the age of fifty-five, while his wife survived until 1876, and both were interred in the Reformed cemetery in Maytown; the former had lived a consistent life as a member of the M. E. Church, and the latter of the Reformed Church. Their children were: Margaret; Lucinda; Horace, of Nebraska; Abraham, of Michigan; Benjamin, of Ohio; Albert, of Nebraska; Anna, who married Albert Collins, of Danville, Ill.; William, deceased; and John, of Nebraska, almost all of the sons being engaged in the brick business.

The first marriage of Mrs. Grady was to Jeremiah Shafner, a native of Maytown, where he carried on a tailoring business for a number of years, although he was retired from active life at the time of his death.

Mr. Grady has ever been identified with the interests of the village in which he resides. In politics he is an Independent, and efficiently served East Donegal township as supervisor for seven terms, and also one term as tax collector. His fraternal connections are with the O. U. A. M., the M. C., the I. O. R. M., the G. A. R. in all of which organizations he is justly popular, and he is a worthy member of the Reformed Church. In the community, Mr. Grady's standing is high, and he is generally recognized as one of the representative citizens of his town.

**DR. DORATHEA JOHANNA LOUISA GRASNICK**, widely known among the better people of Lancaster county, has done much to relieve physical suffering in her community. Her maiden name was Paschke, and her parents lived in Berlin, Germany, where she was born. Her grandparents were farmers. Anton Paschke, Dr. Grasnick's father, has been a locomotive engineer on the Emperor's railway, running out of Berlin, for over forty years, and received a reward from the Emperor at the end of thirty-six years of continuous service on that line. Her only brother, August Paschke, is a machinist; and her only sister is the wife of Karl Schonert, a candelabra manufacturer, formerly of Berlin, but both now living in Lancaster.

Mrs. Grasnick was educated in private schools in Berlin, and then attended the high school in that grand old city, finally taking special studies in medi-

cine in a Berlin institute, and receiving her diploma. She married Hugo Grasnick, who is a graduated electrician, and their two sons are: George F., a drug clerk, who married Anna Elizabeth Warner, and lives in Atlantic City; and Erich, a young man of nineteen, who is still pursuing his studies.

Mrs. Grasnick arrived in America April 12, 1893, coming directly to Lancaster, where she has been practicing her profession with great success. Her success has been marvelous, and her services are much sought for among the ladies of this city, as her treatment of physical ailments to which she devotes her attention is successful far beyond the ordinary. No woman in the city is more respected, and her gentle manners have made her welcome everywhere; while in the sick room she inspires confidence and hope.

Mrs. Grasnick is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and is greatly esteemed by a large circle of clients among whom she numbers many of the most prominent ladies of the city.

**GUY L. ALEXANDER**, M. D., physician to the County Hospital and Insane Asylum at Lancaster, Pa., was born at White Rock, in Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 13, 1871, son of Vincent K. and Harriet E. (Levis) Alexander, natives of Colerain township, Lancaster county, and Cecil county, Md., respectively.

Vincent K. Alexander was born in 1844, and in his early life was a farmer by occupation, but now resides in Lancaster. In politics he was a Republican, and always gave liberally of his time and money toward the support of party issues. He took an active part in local affairs, serving as county committeeman of the lower end of the county; deputy Internal Revenue collector, for four years; was school director in the lower part of the county. His wife was also born in 1841. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to this union: May Curtis, Norris Day and Guy L. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (King) Alexander, were of Irish birth, and came to this country in 1814 settling in Lancaster county, Pa. Here the father engaged in the charcoal iron business, and was the pioneer ironmaster of the county for twenty-one years, until his retirement.

Dr. Alexander was reared upon a farm, attending the schools of his district until he was seventeen years of age, when he went west to Omaha, where he was in the employ of the county surveyor for two years. About this time many were going to Portland, Oregon, with the belief that there was plenty of money to be made in that city, and Dr. Alexander was one of those who made the trip. Arriving in the city, he entered the employ of the *Evening Telegram*, a new paper, as assistant cashier, remaining in that capacity for three years. During all of this time Dr. Alexander had been attracted toward the medical profession, and at the expiration of his three years in Portland he returned to the State of his birth,





and entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from that institution in the class of 1868. Immediately after graduating Dr. Alexander began practice at the Buck, in Lancaster county, continuing there three years. In 1901 he located in Lancaster, where he opened an office, and accepted the appointment of physician to the County Hospital and Insane Asylum, in which capacity he is showing great ability and skill, treating the unfortunate ones under his care. Although young in his profession, Dr. Alexander is recognized as a physician of ability, and his general practice is steadily increasing. In politics, like his father, Dr. Alexander is a Republican, and is interested in local matters. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church, in which body, as in society generally, he is very popular.

JOHN S. BLANK, one of the leading and thoroughly representative citizens of Earl township, Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township July 27, 1844, a son of Jacob and Maria (Stoltzfus) Blank.

John S. Blank was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools. As there was much work to be done on the farm, and the school house a long way from his home, the schooling which Mr. Blank received in his youthful days was limited. He is a good reader, and has been a close observer of the life around him, so that he has the most practical of all educations, that worked out in the great school of life, with experience for a task-master. When he was about twenty-nine years old Mr. Blank began farming operations for himself, locating on a farm in Earl township, which became his by right of ownership in 1871, and where he still keeps his home. It lies about a mile north of New Holland, contains eighty-six acres, and is regarded as one of the fine farms of the county. Here he has made many valuable improvements, and has thoroughly improved and modernized his residence. The appearance of the place indicates thrift and industry, an impression which is strengthened by closer acquaintance with the good people who make their home here. He is one of the successful farmers of the county, and owns two other places in Salisbury township.

Mr. Blank was married in Leacock township, Feb. 24, 1874, to Miss Fannie Renno, a daughter of Jacob and Fannie (Fisher) Renno, born in Leacock township, Aug. 27, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Blank have the following children: (1) Jacob R., who was born July 14, 1877, married Katie Stoltzfus, and is a farmer in Upper Leacock township, living on a twelve-acre farm belonging to his father; (2) Mary R., born June 8, 1881, is the wife of Ezra Zook, and lives on the old homestead with her father, Mr. Zook farming the land; (3) Fannie R., born Nov. 2, 1884, is at home; (4) Daniel S. was born April 14, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Blank are thoroughly upright and honorable people, and are highly respected by all who know them. They are members of the Amish

Church, and their influence is pronounced for all good and true measures that look to the improvement of the community in which they live.

ISAAC B. GOOD. Many lines of trade are successfully pursued in the thriving little borough of Ephrata, Lancaster county, all of them requiring close attention and energetic methods. Among those who have succeeded admirably on account of his honest and energetic management is Isaac B. Good, who is a manufacturer of cigars and also the proprietor of a shirt manufacturing establishment.

Isaac B. Good was born Jan. 22, 1861, a son of Joseph and Louisa (Warlow) Good, of Pequea township. Joseph Good was a carpenter by trade, following that occupation all his life, and died in 1877, at the age of forty-three. In 1851 he married Louisa Warlow, who survives him, and resides in Philadelphia, and to them were born children as follows: Anos, deceased; Mary, deceased; Susanna, wife of John Hummel, of Philadelphia; Enos, of Farmersville; William, a cigarmaker, of Philadelphia; Isaac B.; George, who died in infancy; Charles, foreman in a cigar shop in Reading, Pa.; Henry, residing in Ephrata; and Albert, a patternmaker in the rolling mills of Reading.

Although Isaac B. Good has made so successful a manufacturer, he was reared on a farm, and remained there until the age of twenty-two, receiving his education in the common schools of his district. Until 1893 he worked as a cigarmaker, and then opened up business for himself in that line, proving his business ability and succeeding so well that in 1894 he entered into the manufacture of shirts. Though his means were very limited at first, by the practice of economy and diligence he has accumulated considerable property, owning three valuable houses and lots in Ephrata, in addition to other possessions.

Mr. Good was married July 14, 1884, to Miss Salinda Bowman, of Ephrata, a daughter of John L. Bowman, of Reading, Pa., and to this union one daughter has come, Katie F., born April 21, 1895. Mrs. Good was born Nov. 27, 1863. In politics Mr. Good is a Democrat, but he is not an office seeker, being occupied with his flourishing business. Possessing the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, Mr. Good may be justly regarded as one of the representative business men of Ephrata borough.

PETER Y. FOLTZ, a resident of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, is a worthy representative of an old and honored family in the community in which his industrious and useful life is passing. He was born near Center Church, in East Earl township, March 29, 1853, being a son of Squire Samuel B. and Mary (Yohn) Foltz, both of whom are now living in Terre Hill.

Peter Y. Foltz was reared on the family homestead in Terre Hill, and was afforded his education in the public schools. When he was twenty-one years of age he set himself to learning the carpenter





trade in East Earl township under J. W. Horst, and for the ensuing thirteen years was engaged in this work, a part of this time being associated with Mr. Horst as a partner in the building business. The Terre Hill school house stands as a monument to his constructive ability and honest dealing. After thirteen years as a carpenter Mr. Foltz took up teaming in Terre Hill, and has since been engaged in that occupation, all the time employing two teams and part of the time three in his work. The teaming for the village of Terre Hill is substantially done by him, as he makes daily trips between that point and East Earl Station. He owns a farm of twenty-two acres, and devotes himself to its cultivation, also renting additional land, and keeping himself busy all the while. He has done some building for himself in Terre Hill, and owns a comfortable and attractive home in the village. Mr. Foltz is an earnest Republican and an intelligent and thoughtful voter.

Peter Y. Foltz was married, in 1875, to Miss Emma Coleman, a daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Cline) Coleman, and a native of Terre Hill. They have a family of five children: Abraham, at home; Harry, who married Miss Libbie Witmer, and is a resident of Terre Hill, where they have a family of two children, Jacob and James; William, who is a cigarmaker and lives at home; and Samuel and George, at home. Both Peter Y. Foltz and his wife are members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and he is very active in Sunday-school work, being superintendent of the school, as well as class-leader and trustee in the church.

**JOSEPH B. KERNER** was born in Columbia July 2, 1858, son of John Andrew and Anna Barbara (Keidesch) Kerner, both of whom were for many years residents of Columbia. The father was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1813, son of George Kerner, a miller, and emigrated to America with his wife and family in the spring of 1847, settling at Columbia, where he remained until his death, Aug. 30, 1887, at the age of seventy-four years; his wife survived until June, 1895. They were devout and prominent members of the Lutheran Church. John A. Kerner had learned from his father the trade of miller. He followed baking for a time in Columbia, Lancaster county, later entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he remained until his death. The children of John A. and Anna Barbara Kerner were John B., of Columbia, a conductor on the Pennsylvania road; Fredericka, wife of Daniel Marks, a hotel-keeper at Danville, Pa.; Andrew, who died in infancy; Catherine, wife of Jacob Sample, a telegraph operator of Columbia; and Joseph B.

Joseph B. Kerner was reared in Columbia, receiving a fair common-school education. At the age of twelve years he began an apprenticeship to a confectioner, and followed that trade for ten years. This term of employment was broken by a three-months experience in the United States army, Mr. Kerner's

taste leading him to a more active life. After his discharge, at the expiration of three months, he resumed candy making at Columbia for a time, and then began his service on the Pennsylvania railroad. For seventeen years he was employed as brakeman and flagman, in May, 1893, became an extra conductor, and on Sept. 4, 1899, was appointed regular conductor, still retaining that position. He met with an accident Nov. 29, 1899, through which he lost his right arm.

Mr. Kerner married at Columbia, in 1880, Miss Lizzie Brown, who was born in Rapho township Nov. 1, 1862, daughter of Harry and Sarah Ann (Hougendotbier) Brown, and granddaughter of Joseph Brown, of York county, and of Michael and Anna (Grann) Hougendotbier, of Lancaster county; her maternal grandfather was a tinner by trade. Harry Brown, her father, was a carpenter, and in 1867 removed from Newtown, Rapho township, to Columbia, following his trade until 1876, when he became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania road. He was killed on the road at Philadelphia, March 8, 1881, aged forty-four years; his widow still survives. To Harry and Sarah A. Brown were born the following named children: Anna, wife of Harry Baker, a railroad engineer at Harrisburg, Pa.; Simon, a freight conductor, who died Oct. 1, 1899; Lizzie; Isaiah, who died aged eight years; William S., who died in infancy; Harry, who died aged sixteen months; Effie, wife of Charles Miller, a railroad brakeman at Harrisburg; and Edward, deceased.

To Joseph B. and Lizzie (Brown) Kerner was born one child, Catherine A. The wife and mother died June 26, 1890, and the daughter died Nov. 1, 1901, aged nineteen years.

Mr. Kerner was again married, Dec. 25, 1902, to Miss Sara Harper Adams, who was born at New Germantown (Toboyne township), Perry Co., Pa., Nov. 1, 1874, daughter of Robert C. and Sara (Yhost) Adams. Her father, Robert C. Adams, was born at New Germantown May 4, 1847, and by occupation is a farmer. Her mother was born at Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., April 20, 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born the following children: Wilson H., of New Germantown, who married Annie Seager, of the same place; Sara H.; Franklin, who died in infancy; Luemma; Theodore; Alton, who died in infancy; Lawrence; Grace; Wilnot; Cloyd; Harry; and Earl.

Mr. Kerner is a member of the B. of R. R. T., of the I. O. O. F., the B. of U., and the Firemen's Relief Association. In politics he is a Republican. He has proved a most valuable railroad employe and official, and in both railway and town circles is highly esteemed for his many good qualities.

**MARTIN L. MILLER**, a prominent farmer of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 6, 1846, on the farm where he is now living, son of David and Anna (Longenecker) Miller. The parents were born in Ephrata and Donegal townships,



respectively, the father on Aug. 3, 1805, the mother on Feb. 23, 1808. They were married March 5, 1828, and both died in Conoy township, David Miller on July 16, 1889, his wife in August, 1894; she was buried in the cemetery connected with Goods Meeting House, in West Donegal township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. The father was an active and hard working farmer until 1875, when he retired to spend his last days on a small place in Conoy township. For six years he was a school director, and he held a good place in the opinion of his neighbors, who judged him an honorable man of industry and integrity. He and his wife had the following children: (1) Elizabeth, born March 15, 1829, is the widow of Abraham Martin, of Conoy township; (2) Frances, born Aug. 18, 1830, married Henry Metzger, now a retired farmer of Dauphin county; (3) Anna, born Nov. 25, 1831, is living in Conoy, unmarried; (4) Christian L., born Feb. 20, 1833, is a retired farmer of Conoy township; (5) David, born July 16, 1834, is a resident of Mt. Joy, and his personal history may be found elsewhere; (6) John, born May 20, 1836, died at the age of eleven months; (7) Henry, born March 22, 1838, is a retired farmer in West Donegal township; (8) Barbara, born May 16, 1839, married John Erb, a truck farmer of Dauphin county; (9) Mary, born Nov. 13, 1840, married Andrew Stoner, a farmer of Conoy township; (10) Leah, born March 14, 1842, is the wife of Jacob B. Erb, of Harvey county, Kans.; (11) Abraham, born Jan. 23, 1844, is a farmer in Conoy township; (12) Martin L. is mentioned below; (13) Martha, born Nov. 2, 1849, married Amos Zimmerman, of York county, Pa., and died in January, 1883; (14) Samuel L., born March 14, 1852, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township.

Ernest Miller, the paternal grandfather of Martin L., came from Ireland, and his ashes are reposing in the Hill Church cemetery in Ephrata. The maternal grandparents, Christian and Fanny (Breneman) Longenecker, were residents of Lancaster county and prominent at an early day in the history of their community.

Martin L. Miller has been twice married, the first time, Sept. 5, 1871, in Lancaster, to Miss Lizzie Conley. To this union were born: (1) Emma C., who died in infancy; (2) Phares, a farmer of Conoy township, who married Emma Kraybill; (3) Ellie, the wife of Arthur Albright, a cigar maker of York, Pa.; and (4) Jacob, who married Lizzie Demmy, and is a painter in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Lizzie (Conley) Miller was born in Lancaster county, and died in 1877, at the age of twenty-three years, her ashes being interred in the cemetery connected with Bossler's Church. She was a daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Brubaker) Conley, of Lancaster county. The second marriage of Martin L. Miller occurred Sept. 5, 1878, at the home of his wife's parents, in Fairview township, York Co., Pa., when Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman became his wife. To this union have been born the following named chil-

dren: Samuel Z., David Z., Martin Z., Ira Z. and Irvin (twins), Levi Z., Anna Z., Reuben Z., Lizzie Z., Benjamin Z. and Frances Z. All are at home except Irvin, who is deceased.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Miller was born in Fairview township, York county, Nov. 18, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Hess) Zimmerman, natives of Lancaster and York counties, respectively. Both her parents died in Fairview township, where her father was a farmer, he having settled in York county as early as 1820. He passed away Sept. 14, 1874, at the age of seventy-two years, eight months and nine days, and the mother died June 27, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, having been born March 30, 1813; they were buried in the Slate Hill Church cemetery in Cumberland county. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: (1) Samuel, who is a retired farmer in Dauphin county; (2) Christian, of York; (3) Amos, a farmer of York county; (4) David (deceased); (5) Benjamin, a bishop of the Mennonite Church, who is a farmer in Cumberland county; and (6) Elizabeth, wife of Martin L. Miller. By his first marriage, to Magdalena Weaver, Peter Zimmerman had children as follows: (1) Moses, who is now a retired farmer in Illinois; (2) Henry, a farmer of Cumberland county; (3) Esther, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-nine years; (4) Mary, who died at the age of three years; (5) Peter, a farmer in Cumberland county; and (6) Magdalena, who died unmarried, January 1, 1902, aged sixty-four years, four months and seventeen days.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller were Peter and Esther (Martin) Zimmerman, both born and reared in Lancaster county. They died in Cumberland county, whither he moved in 1819 and engaged in farming. Mrs. Miller's maternal grandparents were Christ and Lizzie (Martin) Hess, farming people of Lancaster county.

With the exception of three years following his marriage, when he was engaged in farming near Bainbridge, Martin L. Miller has spent his entire life on the farm where he is now found. He is a Republican, and with his wife and family belongs to the Mennonite Church. They are all thoroughly honorable and upright people, leading good lives and identified with the best elements of the community where their peaceful and industrious lives are passing.

NEWTON FRANKLIN HALL, whose office is at No. 37 East Grant street, Lancaster, is one of the most widely known members of the Lancaster Bar. He was born in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 29, 1860, and after attending public school for a time went to the State Normal at Millersville for further study. He taught school until 1886, beginning this work at the early age of sixteen. After reading law with J. W. Johnson he was admitted to practice, in 1886; and to the Su-





preme court in 1888. He has been a practitioner in the Superior court from its organization. Mr. Hall is a Republican in politics, and as a recognition of his party fealty and services he was elected solicitor to the board of inspection of the Lancaster County Prison in 1891, receiving re-election year after year until he resigned, in May, 1901, to accept the position of County Solicitor, to which he was elected by the county commissioners, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of A. B. Hassler, appointed county comptroller by Gov. Stone.

On Dec. 20, 1888, Mr. Hall was married to Miss C. Sue Deem, daughter of the late Kennedy Deem, a farmer of Salisbury township. One daughter, Mary Violet, was born to this marriage Dec. 31, 1889. Mr. Hall is a member of the First Reformed Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and E. K. He is universally well thought of because of his upright, manly bearing and conduct, and has a future which promises well for himself and family.

**WILLIAM OTTERBEIN FRAILEY**, proprietor of the East End Pharmacy, at the corner of East King and Shippen streets, Lancaster, is a descendant of a Revolutionary family, whose history is closely connected with that of Pennsylvania.

Leonard Frailey, the first ancestor of the family in America, came from Switzerland in 1750, sailing from Rotterdam on the ship "Royal Union," and landing in Philadelphia. This vessel was commanded by Capt. Nicholson, and carried 253 male passengers. Leonard Frailey settled at Overbrook, on a farm which long remained in the hands of his descendants.

Peter Frailey, great-grandfather of William O., was in his time one of the most prominent men in Berks county, as shown by the records of the State. He was elected a member of the General Assembly in 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801 and 1802, and became register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' Court, holding this office from 1802 to 1809. He was again returned to the Assembly in 1810 and 1812, and was State senator from 1813 to 1820. After retiring from public station he was tendered a reception at Lancaster which amounted to an ovation. His wife was a sister of Gov. Ritter.

Jacob Frailey, grandfather of William O., was a soldier in the war of 1812. He owned farm lands at one time in Schuylkill county, in which rich deposits of coal were found after he had disposed of the property. He was married to Mary Troyer, and to this union were born ten sons and three daughters, those living at the present time being: Charles R., who is an artistic penman; Jacob; Andrew; and Anne, widow of John Stetter.

Henry L. Frailey, the seventh son of Jacob, was in early life a school teacher, but in later years entered the real estate business, and was for many years solicitor, inspector and secretary for the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company. For three terms he was city assessor. He died April 9,

1890. He married Frances Steinecke, who was born in Saxony, Germany, and who came to this country with her parents when she was only six years old.

William O. Frailey, son of Henry L., was born in Lancaster, and was educated in the city schools. After he had completed the high school course he became an apprentice to the drug business with W. T. Wiley, with whom he remained four years, and then became a student of the College of Pharmacy, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with honor. Returning to Lancaster, the young pharmacist became head clerk for John R. Kaufman, with whom he remained three years, and then opened business for himself at his present location. Three years after he had bought the business he was able to buy the property, and presently enlarged and remodeled the building to fit the needs of a modern and progressive business. It is now one of the handsomest and most desirable drug stands in Lancaster. Not satisfied with the goods belonging to the drug trade, he began manufacturing specialties of his own, notable among them being a Wine of Iron, a Syrup of Blood Root, Wild Cherry and Hoarhound, Toothache Drops, a Corn Cure, aromatic essence of Jamaica ginger, Circassian Cream, Cream of Beauty, Chillsblain and Prickly Heat remedy, a Vermifuge Syrup, Beef Wine and Iron, Sarsaparilla Compound, a Vegetable Stomach Bitters, Liver Pills, Kidney Pills, Cream of Camphor, Worm Lozenges, Antibilious Powders, Benzoin and Glycerine Lotion, Pearl Dentifrice, Occidental Tooth Powder, Oriental Tooth Powder, a Hair Tonic and an almost endless list of toilet waters. These are of his own compounding, discovery and manufacture, bearing his name. Mr. Frailey also gives special attention to trusses, fitting them to the most difficult cases. His standing in the profession is well attested by the positions he has held and holds in the various organizations: He is secretary of the Lancaster Retail Druggists' Association, and was its delegate to the National Association of Retail Druggists held in Buffalo in 1901, and in Cleveland in 1902, and at the latter meeting he was made chairman of the committee on the form of organization of the National Association. He is also chairman of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, having been elected for two consecutive terms. Notwithstanding these labors as a part of his calling, Mr. Frailey is secretary of the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a position to which he succeeded at the death of his father, in 1890; is also secretary of the Washington National Loan & Building Association; and of the Lancaster Real Estate & Improvement Company. Blessed with a fine voice and a great love for music, Mr. Frailey has been associated from an early age with the leading musical organizations in the city, and was a director for a time of the choir of St. Mary's Catholic Church. At the present time he is singing in the choir of the Presbyterian Church, being a member





*J. O. Frailey*





of that church, and he has repeatedly contributed his musical talent for the benefit of worthy charities.

In 1884 Mr. Frailey was married to Miss Elizabeth Fredericke Strobel, daughter of Henry Strobel, a highly respected citizen of Lancaster, who was born in the Tyrol, Austria. Mrs. Frailey is an accomplished church organist, having filled that position at various times in St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's Catholic churches, and being still engaged at the latter. Mr. and Mrs. Frailey have been blessed with five children, of whom the survivors are: Henry Edward, William O., Jr., and Frances Mary Elizabeth. Virginia Edna and Charles Joseph died in infancy. Mr. Frailey is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. Wherever found, he shows himself an earnest and enthusiastic worker, always ready to help others.

ELWOOD C. WARFEL, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Sorrel Horse Hotel," in East Earl township, was born at the "White Horse Hotel," in Salisbury township, this county, Dec. 24, 1856, son of Jacob D. Warfel, auctioneer of New Holland.

Mr. Warfel was eight years of age when the family removed to Intercourse, Lancaster county, where they had their home for four years. The next two years were spent in Leacock township, and a short time later Jacob D. Warfel moved to Salisbury township, still later returning to Leacock township. He spent one year in West Earl township, but again returned to Leacock township, and thence moved to Honeybrook, in Chester county: it was at that place that Elwood C. Warfel cast his first vote. His education had been obtained in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-three he married. Following this event Mr. Warfel engaged in dealing in stock, and later spent three years in the huckster business. In 1885 he first made a success of the hotel business, in Beartown, where he continued to manage an excellent inn for eight years, at the end of that time coming to Fetterville and purchasing the "Sorrel Horse Hotel." Since Mr. Warfel has taken the management of this hostelry it has become one of the best regulated houses of rest and entertainment in the county, its genial and courteous proprietor being noted for his ability to accommodate his guests and provide for their comfortable sojourn with him. When it is remembered how large a proportion of the representatives of many branches of business spend the greater part of their lives far from their own roofs, it can easily be seen how dependent they are, for the comforts of home, on the kindness and care of the hotel-keeper, and how appreciative they become of the efforts of those who look after their safety and interests. Therefore Mr. Warfel has a large and growing patronage.

Mr. Warfel does not confine his energies to looking after his hotel, as he is also engaged in the stock business, and has a tobacco farm. He takes a deep interest in all of the progressive movements in his

locality, and may always be counted upon to further all enterprises for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Warfel was married, June 2, 1879, to Miss Rachel L. Brubaker, who was born Oct. 3, 1861, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, daughter of Perry and Sarah Brubaker, of Lancaster county. A family of six children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Warfel: Jacob P., Edward F., James C., Vincent, Flossie L. and Lottie May.

Jacob P. Warfel, the eldest son of Elwood C. Warfel, was primarily educated in the public schools, then became a student in the Millersville Normal School, and still later attended the University of Pennsylvania. After one term of teaching in this county he accepted a position as tracer with the Gimbel Brothers house, in Philadelphia, and is a very bright and promising young man. The family is highly regarded in Lancaster county, and Elwood C. Warfel is one of its worthy representatives.

ISAAC B. ESBENSHADE, one of the older and very highly respected residents of Manheim township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 15, 1848, on the old homestead north of Eden, in that county, where he was reared to farm life and educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-five he married, and entered into business for himself. His marriage, which occurred Nov. 26, 1872, was to Miss Harriet Gross, a daughter of Martin Gross, who lived in East Hempfield township, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Esbenschade located at once on the farm adjoining the place where they are found to-day. It contained seventy-five acres, and was their home until 1900, when they removed to their present location, one mile north of Lancaster. By thrift and management, as well as industry and character, Mr. Esbenschade has become a wealthy land holder, owning three farms, one containing seventy acres, another seventy-five, and a third fifty-three acres. They adjoin, and are regarded as among the best farms in the county. He also owns a small property along the Oregon pike, in Manheim township. Mr. Esbenschade has improved all three places mentioned, and on the one containing seventy acres erected a fine barn in 1898. A progressive and energetic farmer, he keeps fully abreast of the times.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbenschade are the parents of three children: (1) Martin G., born Dec. 16, 1875, married Miss Kate Zeamer, and is the father of one child, Marie; he lives on the farm adjoining his father's home. (2) Bertha G., born Sept. 5, 1877, is at home. (3) M. Laura G., born April 15, 1881, is at home. Mrs. Esbenschade is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and all the family are associated with the best people of the community. Mr. Esbenschade is a staunch Republican and takes a deep interest in party affairs.

J. MARTIN SLAYMAKER, M. D., a prominent and successful physician of Salisbury township, and one of its most highly esteemed and substantial





men, was born in 1864, in Paradise township, Lancaster county, son of John M. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Slaymaker, natives of Williamstown, Paradise township.

The Slaymaker family is a very old and most highly respected one in Lancaster county, and was founded here by five brothers of the name, who came hither from their home in Strasburg, Germany, after the settlement of this section by William Penn. These brothers each bought 1000 acres of land and a part of this land was contained in the present site of the prosperous town of Williamstown, Paradise township, of which this family hold deed from William Penn.

John M. Slaymaker, the father of our subject, was born in Williamstown, and resided in Paradise township all his life, his death occurring in 1874, when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. He was interred in the cemetery connected with the Leacock Presbyterian Church, in Paradise township. Mr. Slaymaker was a man of large means and much prominence in his township. As a farmer he was regarded as one of the best in his locality, and he owned three of the finest farms in the township, while as a man of influence in social and political life, he was known beyond his own neighborhood. For a long period he was an active politician, and was attached to the Know Nothing party, but never accepted any political office. His connection with the Underground railway and assistance given to escaping slaves, was never concealed, he being a man who boldly followed his convictions of right. In his earlier days he belonged to the Presbyterian Church, but at the time of his death belonged to the communion of the Episcopal Church. John M. Slaymaker was a son of Mathias and Rebecca (Ferree) Slaymaker, the former of whom was an extensive farmer in Paradise township. These parents died in their old home and lie at rest in the old Presbyterian cemetery in Paradise township.

John M. Slaymaker was married (first) about 1850, to Miss Emma H. Jack, and the daughter born to this union was Emma, who married Silas K. Eshleman, who is a retired farmer of Leaman Place, Pa. Mrs. Slaymaker died soon after the birth of her daughter. Mr. Slaymaker was married (second) in 1850, to Miss Elizabeth Snyder, born in Paradise township. The children born to this union were as follows: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Ira Gabbert, graduate of the Literary College of Missouri, and of Jefferson Medical College, and who is now located at Caldwell, Kans.; Sarah R., who married Charles F. Diller, of Lancaster, founder of the Peerless Emery Wheel Works; James, who died in young manhood from the effects of typhoid fever; Dr. John Martin, our subject; Anna M., who married George W. Himes, a prominent and wealthy resident of Shippensburg, director of one of the banks and connected with many of the industries of that city; Misses Mauda J. and Mary M., at home; and Samuel E., who resides with his family

in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in a general grocery business.

Dr. John Martin Slaymaker was reared on the old homestead at Williamstown, in Paradise township, until the age of fifteen years. He attended the district schools until that time, and then spent three years as a student at the Lehigh Literary Academy. Resolving to adopt the profession of medicine, at the age of seventeen he came to Lancaster and began his medical reading under Dr. Carpenter, who prepared him for entrance into Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated when but twenty-two years of age. Dr. Slaymaker located at Gap, and almost immediately acquired a large practice which has continued to increase in volume and importance ever since. He was appointed P. R. R. Surgeon at Gap in 1888. He is one of the most popular as well as successful physicians in this part of the county, and is so fully occupied with the demands of the public, that he finds little leisure for anything else, although he is a large landowner, also, in the township. Dr. Slaymaker is surrounded with the comforts of life and resides in a handsome brick residence which he had built and fitted up in elegant style. Five years after his location in the village, Dr. Slaymaker was joined by his mother and sisters, they leaving the old farm in 1888. The family is one of social prominence in Gap and every member is held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Slaymaker is a staunch Republican, but his professional duties give him no time to accept public office although he is unusually well qualified to do so. He belongs to the county and State medical societies. With his mother and sisters, the Doctor belongs to the Episcopal Church, of which they are liberal supporters.

JACOB B. KELLER. Among the old and honored families who have made Lancaster county what it is, the name of Keller has considerable prominence. The founder of the family in the United States was Jacob Keller, who was born Nov. 14, 1706, and who came to America from Canton Basel, Switzerland, between 1725 and 1730. He purchased, May 7, 1730, a tract of land which now is included in Ephrata township, from John, Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn. He was a Seventh Day Baptist in religion. His death occurred March 10, 1794, and his remains were buried in Cloister cemetery. His wife, born Feb. 2, 1708, died May 24, 1787. At his death Jacob Keller left three sons, one of whom, Jacob, retained the homestead; Sebastian located in Elizabethtown; and the third in the State of Virginia.

Jacob Keller (2), was born on the old homestead at Springville, Cocalico township, at the head of Trout creek, Feb. 15, 1733, and died Aug. 20, 1804; his wife, Barbara (Landes) Keller, who was born July 3, 1736, died March 18, 1818, and both of them rest in the old homestead cemetery. Of their chil-



dren, Jacob is mentioned below: Samuel, born May 22, 1793, was a miller at Keller's mill, in Cocalico township, and died Jan. 5, 1848, and John, born Aug. 30, 1766, located near Lititz, and died April 26, 1850.

Jacob Keller (3) was born on the old homestead, Sept. 14, 1761, and died April 12, 1830; his wife, Barbara (Huber) Keller, born in 1704, died in 1794. Her sister, who became his second wife, was born Nov. 13, 1766, and died Dec. 14, 1849. He was the father of five sons and three daughters: (1) John, born Aug. 6, 1784, died July 27, 1875. He married first a Miss Hersherberger, and second a Miss Zentmyer, and his children were, Lydia, Salome, John H., Daniel, Jacob H., Leah, Michael, Samuel, Elizabeth, Henry and Mary. (2) Jacob, born Nov. 30, 1786, located at Springville, and died Aug. 14, 1841. He married Elizabeth Shirk, who was born Feb. 23, 1790, and died Feb. 6, 1872. (3) Samuel, born Aug. 7, 1791, died Feb. 27, 1855. His first wife Magdalena Erb, born June 11, 1794, died Oct. 5, 1825. (4) Mary married John Hersherberger, and had six children, Lydia, Jacob, Sally, Henry, Susannah and Leah. (5) Barbara married David Erb, at Hammer Creek, and had nine children, Samuel, Reuben, Ephraim, Israel, David, John, Levi, Elizabeth and Sallie. (6) Frederick, born Jan. 5, 1794, married Catharine Gross, had thirteen children, and died March 17, 1879. (7) Susanna, married Joseph Shirk and had ten children, Christiana, Leah, Maria, Sallie, Fianna, Annamahala, Lizzie, Jacob, Joseph and Reuben. (8) George is mentioned below.

George Keller, the father of the immediate subject of this biography, was born Oct. 22, 1799, and died Jan. 15, 1849, aged forty-nine years, two months and twenty-six days. He was twice married; his first wife belonged to the Long family of Landis Valley; his second wife was Christina Brubaker, born Nov. 6, 1802, who died April 17, 1842; both are buried in the old cemetery at Springville. Of the children in the family of George Keller, the eldest son George, born in December, 1823, died at the age of sixty-two, leaving a large family: Jacob B.; Leah, born in 1827, married Jacob S. Wissler, moved to Canton, Ohio, and died, the mother of seven children, Ezra S., Jacob S., Isaac, and four daughters; Susanna married David Mohler, and had ten children; Elias B., born in 1832, married Rebecca Hersherberger, and had eleven children; Isaac, born in 1835, became a German Baptist minister, married a Miss Rudy, and had eight children; and Annie, born in 1839, married Aaron Weidman, and lives at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Jacob B. Keller, a worthy representative of this old and established family, was born Oct. 31, 1825, and was the second son of George Keller. Reared on the farm, one of a large family, he early became accustomed to the duties of an agricultural life, and pursued it for a number of years. At school he was an apt pupil, and finished the common school course with credit, and then took up the profession of teach-

ing, but in 1860 he engaged in the milling business, six years later removing to Ephrata where he became a contractor and builder, and also dealt extensively in real estate. A man of more than average intelligence, Mr. Keller has taken a great interest in his family ancestry, of which he has reason to be justly proud, for few, like him, can look back over former generations and find the record so universally in favor of sobriety, uprightness and good citizenship.

On Nov. 6, 1846, Mr. Keller was married to Miss Rebecca Stupp, a daughter of John and Sarah (Eckert) Stupp, of Berks county, Pa., and to this union were born four children: Emma, born Aug. 11, 1847, who married William K. Seltzer, a prominent attorney and justice of the peace, in Ephrata township; Alice, born Sept. 7, 1862, married B. F. Bair, a stock-dealer, in Philadelphia; while Frank and James died in infancy.

Ever since the administration of President Lincoln, Mr. Keller has been an active and ardent Republican, and he exerts a wide influence for his party in his locality. For many years he has been a valued and consistent member of the German Baptist Church, where he is one of the most cheerful supporters of all charitable and benevolent enterprises. Although now living a retired life in his comfortable home in the borough of Ephrata, Mr. Keller has not permitted his intellectual faculties to become rusty, as during the year 1898 he compiled and arranged a neat genealogy of the Keller family in America, which he notes was prepared for his personal satisfaction, but which must have required much study and research, and it is of inestimable value to all who are permitted to bear the honorable name.

SOLOMON H. GOOD, a successful farmer and butcher of Pequea township, and the present auditor of that township, is actively identified with various interests in his section of the county, and is well and favorably known.

Jacob K. Good, his father, was born in Lancaster county about 1815, and followed farming, distilling and milling until his death, which occurred in 1897. He was a Republican in politics, and held the offices of school director and supervisor for some time. He married Miss Mary Havistick, daughter of Jacob Havistick, of Pequea township, and they had a family of eleven children: Joseph, now deceased; Susan, wife of Michael Hess, of Manor township; John, deceased; Elizabeth and Mary, who did not marry; Jacob, of Millersville; Catharine and Barbara, both unmarried; Sarah, widow of William Beshtold; Abraham, deceased; and Solomon H.

Solomon H. Good, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Pequea township Jan. 21, 1861, and remained at home until he was about twenty-seven years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county. In 1884 he began the





butcher business for himself, and has continued same ever since, together with farming, meeting with well deserved success in both branches. He has recently bought the Amos S. Kreider farm, of seventy-five acres, west of his home place. Like his father, Mr. Good is a Republican in politics, and he now holds the office of auditor, discharging the duties of that office with characteristic fidelity and a regard for the interests of his community.

On Dec. 25, 1887, Mr. Good wedded Miss Elizabeth K. Good, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Kling) Good, both of Pequea township, and they have one son, Benjamin Harrison.

H. C. HUBER, a prominent farmer of Providence township, was born Dec. 19, 1863, son of Henry and Susan (Charles) Huber, who were natives of Martic township, Lancaster county.

Henry Huber, father of H. C., was born in 1833, and died in 1894. He followed farming all his life in Martic township, where, in 1856, he married Susan Charles. A family of nine children was born to this union, as follows: Annie; Aaron, of Lancaster; H. C.; Morris, of Lancaster; Louisa, wife of Albert Eshleman, of Providence township; Abraham, of Martic township; John, of Conestoga township; Benjamin, of Manheim township; and Milton, of Pequea township. The family is an old one in Martic township, where Grandfather Abraham Huber was a well-known farmer in his day. Their political connection is with the Republican party. In religion they are consistent supporters of the Mennonite Church.

On Sept. 17, 1885, H. C. Huber was united in marriage with Miss Mary Eshleman, daughter of Eli and Susan (Mack) Eshleman, who had the following children born to them: Martin Mack, of Martinsville; Daniel, of Drumore; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph G. Rankin, of Martic township; Jacob P., of Pequea township; Susan, wife of Chester Andrews, of Columbia, Pa.; George, of West Lampeter; Mary, wife of H. C. Huber; Eli, of Providence township; and Lydia, wife of Martin Eshleman, of Pequea township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber, namely: Annie, Anna, and Mary and Harry, twins.

Mr. Huber was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of his district. His interest in the schools has caused him to consent to serve as one of the directors in Providence township. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of his locality, and is widely known as a man of good judgment and reliability.

ELMER T. PRIZER, M. D., of Lancaster, has by his skill and magnetic personality, as well as careful attention to his profession, proved himself an ideal and successful follower of Esculapius.

The Prizers came to America from Germany some time between the years 1720 and 1740, settling in Montgomery county, Pa. Benjamin Prizer,

one of the Doctor's ancestors, engaged in the manufacture of flour near Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. There John Prizer, father of Dr. Elmer T., was born. He married Harriet Towers, daughter of Michael Towers, a contractor of considerable note, of Spring City, Chester county, and four children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are Della, wife of John Deisher, a furniture dealer in Phoenixville, Pa.; Lura, wife of Henry Wells, in the Pennsylvania railroad service at Phoenixville; and Elmer Towers.

Elmer T. Prizer was born Nov. 24, 1867, near Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa., and received his education in part at Kimber's Academy, at Kimberton, same county, and in part at the State Normal School in West Chester, afterward taking a course in medicine at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1896. Immediately after that event the Doctor came to Lancaster, and, opening an office at No. 25 South Prince street (formerly occupied by Judge Hayes), has since enjoyed a lucrative practice, having among his patients many of the representative families of the city and vicinity.

In December, 1896, Dr. Prizer was married to Miss Jessie Butler, daughter of James Butler, a retired iron merchant of near West Chester, and niece of the distinguished Judge Butler. One child, Rachel, has graced this union. Mrs. Prizer is descended from one of the oldest and most prominent Quaker families of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Prizer is identified with the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Knights of Malta; of the Knights of the Mystic Circle; and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

JACOB L. GARBER. Not only is agriculture the oldest occupation in the world, but it is also the most important, for upon the failure or success of the crops of a nation depends its commercial prestige. Therefore, the calling of a farmer is one of importance and responsibility, and the progressive agriculturist of to-day is adopting every means to increase the value of his acres, and in return reaps large harvests. The latest improved machinery is used; new methods of drainage are adopted, and a regular system of alternation of crops is pursued, so that each acre may bring forth abundantly. Among the farmers of this class is Jacob L. Garber, of East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, who was born June 13, 1857, in East Donegal township, son of Christian S. and Annie (Linderment) Garber, who died in 1882 and 1876, respectively.

Christian S. Garber was a native of West Donegal township, but upon his marriage removed to East Donegal township, where he spent the greater portion of his remaining years, engaged in farming. After a useful and successful life, he died, in the respect and esteem of the entire community. To himself and good wife were born seven children:



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*E. J. Prizer.*



Mary Ann, deceased, wife of Amos Hustand; Jacob L., of East Hempfield township; John L., residing in West Donegal township; Eli L., residing in Lititz, engaged in the creamery business; Barbara, wife of John Hess, of Manheim township; Katie, wife of Enos Hess, of Roseville, Lancaster county; and Christian, deceased. The religious connection of the parents was with the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob L. Garber was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the public schools of his district. When he reached the age of twenty-three the young man resolved to see something of the outside world, and made a trip West, where he remained six months, and upon his return to Lancaster county he married and located upon the farm he now owns, renting it for two years. At the expiration of this time he removed to Penn township and purchased a farm of eighty-six acres, remaining there for seven years. In 1890, the farm he had rented previously coming on the market, he purchased it, and has since carried on general farming, developing the property, which contains ninety-seven acres, until it is one of the finest farms in the county.

In 1881 Mr. Garber married Lizzie Buckwalter, a daughter of Joseph Buckwalter, and eight children have been born to them: Harry B., born July 28, 1882; Annie May, Feb. 5, 1883; Alvin B., Oct. 6, 1885; Joseph B., Feb. 23, 1887; Lizzie, June 27, 1895; Ella and Jacob, twins, May 18, 1897; and Christian, May 7, 1899.

Both Jacob L. Garber and his wife are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church. They are very worthy people, whose popularity in East Hempfield is well deserved, as they possess many admirable qualities, which have made for them hosts of friends.

**CHRISTIAN B. MILLER** is a grandson of Christian Miller, who was born and reared in Lancaster county, owned a 100-acre farm in Conestoga township, and followed farming all his life. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Elizabeth Kendig, of Strasburg township, and they became the parents of seven children: Abraham, father of Christian B.; Christian K., of Conestoga township; Susan, wife of John Frantz, of Manor; Amos, of Conestoga; Abner, of Conestoga; Martha, wife of John Nestleroth, of Manor; and John, of Conestoga.

Abraham Miller, father of Christian B., was born in Conestoga township, and lived there until he was about twenty-two or twenty-three years old, when he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Buckwalter, of Manor township. Removing to near Millersville, in Manor township, he there engaged in farming until he was sixty years old, when he entered the mercantile business, following same for eight years, after which he retired from active life. Both he and his wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. He was always a Republican, held

the office of school director for a number of years, and was for a long time auditor of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had the following children: Amos B., Jacob B. and Abram B., all of Manor township; Christian B., whose name opens this sketch; and Martha, wife of Abram F. Wimmer, of Manor township.

Christian B. Miller was born June 3, 1847, in Manor township, and when he was two years old moved to Conestoga township to live with his grandparents, remaining with them until he was fourteen, when he returned to his father's home in Manor township. He received his education in the public schools. Mr. Miller resided with his parents until he was twenty-one years old, when, on Nov. 10, 1868, he married Miss Lizzie, daughter of Andrew Zercher, of Conestoga township. Soon afterward he began farming for himself, living four years on his uncle's farm in Conestoga, after which he moved to the farm where he has since resided, and which at that time belonged to his father-in-law, Andrew Zercher. He purchased it in 1876, and has since given his entire time to its management. The farm consists of 109 acres, near the center of Conestoga township, one of the best in the neighborhood, and he has recently built one of the finest barns in the vicinity. He is recognized by all as one of the prosperous men of his community.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of eight children: Myra J., wife of Benjamin F. Kendig, of Manor township; Anna M.; Jacob Z., who was married Jan. 16, 1902, to Ella Wissler, of Manor township, and lives at home; Landis L., who was married Nov. 28, 1901, to Katie Frey, of Manor township, and lives at Creswell; Lizzie B., who was married Nov. 20, 1902, to Ezra E. Wolgemuth, of Mt. Joy township, and resides there; Harry J., who was drowned in a spring on the place, when two years old; and Mary J. and Cora E., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and three of their children, are members of the River Brethren Church. Mr. Miller was ordained a minister in that faith in 1889, by Rev. Jacob N. Graybill, and since his ordination has officiated at the Pequea Church.

**JOHN FLICKINGER** is proprietor of the Flickinger Mills, built by John Miller in 1801, and located on Mill creek, in Leacock township, twelve miles from Lancaster. They are operated at the present time by both steam and water power.

Mr. Flickinger was born Sept. 6, 1861, on the place where he is found to-day, son of William and Caroline (Moore) Flickinger, who were married in August, 1852. The father was born in East Coalcoke township, this county, and the mother in Berks county. William Flickinger was engaged in the milling business from his early boyhood, and in 1856 located at the Flickinger Mills, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was born Feb. 2, 1828, and died Feb. 26, 1890. His wife was born Nov. 24, 1831, and died April 8, 1885. Both were





buried in Roland's cemetery. They were members of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Flickinger had the following family: (1) Richard, who died at the age of twenty-four years, was a miller by vocation, and operated his father's mill No. 2, formerly known as Eckert's mill, in Leacock township; he had conducted the mill but one year at the time of his death. (2) Katie married J. D. Bair, formerly a merchant of Leacock township, now a resident of New Holland. (3) John is mentioned below.

Richard and Anna (Zeigler) Flickinger were the paternal grandparents of John Flickinger. He was a drover, and died in East Cocalico township, and he is buried at Adamstown. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Flickinger were Jacob and Catherine (Switzer) Moore, both of Berks county, where he was engaged in farming and milling.

John Flickinger and M. Elizabeth Evans were married Dec. 29, 1886. She is a daughter of John and Rachel (Overly) Evans, and was born in Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., in 1864. To this union have been born W. Gordon and J. Harold. Mr. Evans was a blacksmith, was married in Lancaster county, and settled at Honeybrook, where he died in 1892, at the age of sixty-five; his remains rest in the Honeybrook cemetery. His widow, who was born in 1820, is still living, and has her home in Honeybrook. They had the following family: (1) Margaret married William Moore, of Upper Leacock township. (2) M. Elizabeth is the wife of John Flickinger. (3) Amos W. is an undertaker in San Francisco. (4) A. Barton is a manufacturer of springs in Philadelphia. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Flickinger were Adam and Elizabeth (Trego) Evans, and her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Margaret (Plank) Overly.

Mr. Flickinger lived with his parents until his marriage. He belongs to the Reformed Church, and is one of the leading and influential citizens of the community.

DAVID F. ESHLEMAN, a leading and representative farmer of Manor township, was born in the village of Creswell, that township, April 11, 1860, son of Amos and Mary (Frey) Eshleman. He attended the public schools near his boyhood home, and as his early life was passed upon a farm he earlier became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and is to-day regarded as one of the most thorough and skillful farmers of his community. At the age of twenty-two years he started out in life for himself as a farmer, and in 1897 purchased his father-in-law's farm, comprising fifty-four acres of land under a high state of cultivation, and well improved. Here Mr. Eshleman is now successfully engaged in general farming. He is a member of the Church of God, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

On Aug. 30, 1885, Mr. Eshleman was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Shank, and to them have

been born six children, namely: Cora, Ada, Harvey, Ira, Irene and Lillie.

Isaac Shank, father of Mrs. Eshleman, was born on a farm in Lancaster county Jan. 16, 1830, and was two years old when with his parents he removed to the farm near Central Manor, in Manor township, where he now resides, having made his home there ever since. With the exception of four years, immediately after his marriage, he followed farming until he sold his place, in 1897, to his son-in-law, Mr. Eshleman. He is one of the good, substantial citizens of his community, and is highly respected and esteemed. In 1800 he married Miss Sarah Frey, who was born Dec. 5, 1839, daughter of Rudolph Frey, and they have become the parents of three children: Sarah, now the wife of John Green, of Manor township; Barbara, wife of Christ Kline, of the same township; and Lizzie, wife of David F. Eshleman, whose name introduces this sketch.

JOHN L. LEAMAN, who is spending the closing years of an exceedingly industrious and earnest life at his home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, where for many years he carried on farming in an enlightened and progressive manner, was born in that township March 28, 1841, a son of John and Mary (Landis) Leaman, of East Lampeter township.

John Leaman, the father, who was a farmer, and died on his farm in 1882, had lived retired during the last thirteen years of the seventy-two which had been given him. He was a man of considerable importance, and was a director of the Lancaster County Bank at the time of his death. His wife, who died in 1848, at the early age of thirty-six years, was buried in Mellinger's Cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church. Born to this union were: (1) A son who died in infancy; (2) Elias, who died in 1892; (3) Esther, deceased wife of Emanuel Denlinger; (5) Tobias, a retired farmer of Leacock township; and (4) John L., whose name appears above. The father was married a second time, Barbara Landis becoming his wife, and the mother of one child, who died in infancy. Benjamin Leaman, the grandfather of John L., was a native of East Lampeter township, and was a farmer in his early life. John Landis, the maternal grandfather of John L. Leaman, was a native of Lancaster county.

John L. Leaman has been twice married, the first time on Dec. 5, 1861, when Anna Hershey became his wife. To this union came one child, Annetta, who died in infancy. Mrs. Anna Leaman, who died in October, 1893, was the daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Eby) Hershey, both of Lancaster county. The second marriage of John L. Leaman occurred Jan. 10, 1873, when he was united in matrimony with Mary Landis. To this union were born: (1) Violetta married Ezra Zimmermann, a farmer in Leacock township, and became the mother of five children—John, who died in early



childhood; Willis, Enos, Maurice and Edna, at home. (2) Hershey died in infancy. (3) Landis died in infancy. (4) Celia is the wife of Clayton Groff, and they have three children, Irwin L., Bethel M., and Lester L. (5) Freeland died at the age of six years. Mrs. Mary (Landis) Leaman was born in West Lampeter township Feb. 2, 1845, daughter of David and Barbara (Groff) Landis, of East Lampeter township. Her father, who was a miller, died in 1884, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother passed away in 1800, at the age of seventy-two years, and was buried in Mellinger's cemetery by the side of her husband. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of the following family: David, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township; Benjamin, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Lavina, the wife of Adam Landis, a retired farmer; Mary wife of our subject; Anna, who married Harry L. Groff, of Strasburg; and Frances, who died when thirteen years old.

John L. Leaman remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began the cultivation of the farm on which he is found at the present writing. In 1876 he put up new buildings, and the place has been greatly improved under his intelligent and industrious tillage. In 1877 he gave up active farming, and is now living retired, sustained by that competence which represents thrift, economy and industry to a marked degree. For six years Mr. Leaman has been town auditor, and he is regarded as one of the leading men of the community. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

AARON HERR, a highly respected general farmer, tobacco grower, and proprietor of the Cordelia Dairy Farm, in West Hempfield township, was born in Pequea township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1846, son of Rudolph and Barbara (Brenneman) Herr, of Conestoga township, who reared a family of eleven children, born in the following order: Charlotte, wife of John C. Seitz, retired farmer at Mountville; Elizabeth, wife of Frederick K. Heise, a farmer in Mifflin county; Susan, widow of Abraham Musser, of Columbia; John, who died in the army; Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Aaron, mentioned above; Lydia A., wife of Harry Dambach, farmer of Manor township; Benjamin, who died in Columbia; Adam, a painter in Mountville; Barbara, wife of Albert Wagner, a horse dealer in Newark, N. J.; and Amisiah, a farmer in Mifflin county, Pa. The father of this family was a farmer by calling. He served two terms as a school director. He died on the West Hempfield farm in 1897, aged eighty-one years, ten months; the mother died at Mountville in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years, both passing away in the faith of the Mennonite Church. Their remains are interred at Mountville.

In October, 1871, at Lancaster city, Aaron Herr

married Miss Catherine Dambach, who has borne him four children, viz.: John M., a farmer in Manor township, and married to Mary Sowders; Elizabeth, wife of Paris G. Garber, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Harvey, who died at the age of sixteen months; and Minnie, still at home. Mrs. Catherine (Dambach) Herr was born in Manor township Jan. 8, 1851, daughter of Martin Dambach and sister of David H. Dambach, of Manor township, a biographical sketch of whom will be found elsewhere.

Aaron Herr lived with his parents on a farm until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Manor township for a year, and then came to West Hempfield township and purchased his present place of eighty-three acres, on which he has ever since lived, and has so well succeeded in a pecuniary sense that he is about to retire from the activities of business and pass the remainder of his days in quiet leisure. He raises ten acres of tobacco annually, and has been in the dairy business since 1882. Mr. Herr is a Republican in politics, and has been a school director for the past two terms of three years each. Fraternally he is a member of Susquehanna lodge, I. O. O. F.; religiously, with his family, he belongs to the Mennonite Church. Socially the family enjoy the esteem of all their neighbors, being steady-going, self-respecting people.

FRANK MICHAEL, a prominent and successful business citizen of Terrell, this county, was born at Rothsville, in Warwick township, Oct. 27, 1847, son of Cyrus and Catherine (Wagner) Michael, the former of whom now is a resident of Disston, Lancaster county. He is aged eighty-two years, having been born Oct. 28, 1820.

Cyrus Michael is a son of John and Sally (Foltz) Michael, whose parents came to America from Germany. The father established a shoe shop some two miles north of Rothsville, and there spent the greater part of his life. His death occurred at Farmersville, both he and wife dying there, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Dillman, he at the age of seventy-two years, she when seventy-six. Both had been consistent and most worthy members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Charles (deceased) was a farmer; John (deceased) was a farmer in Franklin county; Cyrus is mentioned below; Sallie married Michael Kauffman; Mary Ann married Isaac Dillman.

Cyrus Michael was for many years one of the most extensive farmers of Warwick township, and became a substantial citizen, owning considerable property. His energy took him into many lines—huckstering, the management for some years of a gristmill, and for three years hotel-keeping. In early life he was a member of the Democratic party, but voted for President Lincoln, and ever afterward supported the Republican party. His wife died March 27, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years. They reared a family of six children: Frank;





Charles, unmarried; Salinda, widow of George Shreiner; Rebecca, wife of David Good, of Disston; Priscilla, wife of David Roder, of Terrehill; and Aquilla, who died at the age of four years. The beloved mother of this family was a devout and pious member of the Dunkard Church.

Frank Michael was reared at Rothsville, and obtained his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-four years he began his independent business career, entering a store in Rothsville in the capacity of clerk, and remaining in that connection for seven years. He was then for a time engaged in the sewing machine business, and later learned the carpenter's trade, in time accepting a position in the box factory of Sol Lessley, for some six years.

In 1885 Mr. Michael embarked in the manufacture of boxes himself, in Terrehill, and has been very successful in that line, now employing six men, and turning out a product that compares favorably with any on the market. At times, when rushed, Mr. Michael employs as many as twenty-two helpers. His establishment is known as the Old Maple Cigar Box Factory. His upright methods of doing business have gained for him the confidence of the trade, and he has been an important factor in the industrial life of Terrehill.

Mr. Michael was married in 1872 to Miss Susan Wechter, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Lutz) Wechter. One daughter has been born to this union, Carrie K., who is the wife of Amos B. Eshleman, a cigar manufacturer of Terrehill, and has one daughter, Celesta. They are members of the Trinity United Evangelical Church. All the family are counted among the most highly respected residents of this locality.

**CHRISTIAN GUNZENHAUSER**, a prominent business man and respected citizen of Lancaster, proprietor of the large bakery at No. 255 West King street, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 23, 1837, son of Leonard and Anna (Kauffman) Gunzenhauser.

Leonard Gunzenhauser, the father, was born in Germany, and died there, as did also his wife, the former when Christian was but one year old, and the latter when he was but twelve. They were the parents of six children, five of whom came to America. By trade the father was a miller, and he operated a mill of his own.

After the death of his father Christian Gunzenhauser lived with his mother until orphaned by her death. He lived with his sister two years, and was only fourteen when he came to work out his own future in America. Knowing that many of his countrymen were in Lancaster, he went thither, and for two years did such work as he was able to find, finally entering the bakery of Lawrence Goos, where he continued for two years, thoroughly learning the trade. For several years succeeding he worked as a journeyman for George Goebel, and then went to

Philadelphia, working for ten years with different firms, thus learning all methods and all kinds of baking and mixing. He first started in business for himself in Lock Haven, Pa., where he continued for two years, and then went back to Lancaster, where he bought the Goebel bakery, located at No. 231 West King street. He successfully conducted same until 1900, when he purchased his present building, and has continued to prosper. He improved the property and has it now in perfect condition, taking a pride in its clean and sanitary arrangement, by which he can offer to his patrons a high class of healthful and most attractive line of breads, pastries and all kinds of cakes. His sale of bread alone reaches over 25,000 loaves a week. Mr. Gunzenhauser has twelve delivery wagons employed in distributing his goods in various parts of the city and county, and employs some fifty assistants. In addition to his Lancaster store, which is a three-story brick building, he has built a three-story brick building 48x72 feet in dimensions, which he has equipped with the latest improved machinery, in fact, it is considered one of the finest bakeries in the State. Mr. Gunzenhauser has a number of branch stores throughout the county. While no kind of bakery production is neglected in this establishment, a specialty is made of wedding cakes. His equipment and accommodations would do credit to any city.

Mr. Gunzenhauser is connected with various German organizations in Lancaster, and also belongs to the A. & O. K. of M., White Cross Commandery, No. 21, B. P. O. E., No. 134. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is independent.

In 1882 Mr. Gunzenhauser married Katie L. Schaefer, who was born in Lancaster, daughter of Christian Schaefer, a well-known notion merchant of West King and Water streets, Lancaster, and a prominent citizen. Four children have been born to this union: Harry (who died at the age of six years), Margaret, Frank and Charles. The successful career of Mr. Gunzenhauser shows the result of industry, energy and economy. He began life with small means, and has won his own way to the confidence of his business associates and the esteem of his community, and is justly regarded as a representative business man of his adopted city.

**PETER M. STERN**, a general farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born on the old homestead Sept. 19, 1856, son of Christian and Catharine (Moyer) Stern, the former of whom still resides near the old home. This property has been in the possession of this family ever since its purchase from the Penns., these broad acres having become the property of the great-great-grandfather of Peter M. Stern Feb. 3, 1759, and some one of his descendants has held the farm ever since, each generation improving it and making it more and more valuable.

The first of Mr. Stern's ancestors to come to this country was his great-great-grandfather, Johan (or Hannes) Stern, who emigrated hither from Switzer-





*Ch. Gunzenhauser*





land in 1736. He and his wife, Barbara, had a family of four sons and one daughter, namely: Jacob was the great-grandfather of Peter M. Peter, who moved to Bedford county, Pa., married a Miss Moyer. John, who also moved to Bedford county, Pa., settling at Morrison's Cove, died young. Philip, born April 25, 1776, died Dec. 22, 1862; his first wife, Mary, died Jan. 23, 1806, aged twenty-five years; his second wife, Barbara, born Jan. 27, 1789, died Sept. 16, 1862. Barbara married a Mr. Null.

Jacob Stern, great-grandfather of Peter M., born May 7, 1767, died May 31, 1853. He married Elizabeth Wolgamuth, who was born Oct. 13, 1770, and died Jan. 21, 1822. They had children as follows: (1) Catharine, born Feb. 23, 1793, died Dec. 20, 1874; she married David Thomas, born April 6, 1782, who died Aug. 21, 1873. They had no children. (2) Johanna, born Jan. 25, 1795, died when three years old. (3) Elizabeth, born May 18, 1797, died at the age of ten years. (4) Jacob, born Feb. 12, 1799, died Nov. 6, 1880. He married Susan Lehn (sister of his brother Christian's wife), born Dec. 11, 1796, who died Oct. 4, 1875. They had three sons and one daughter. (5) Christian was the grandfather of Peter M.

Christian Stern, born June 5, 1802, died March 7, 1878. He married Catharine Lehn, who was born July 5, 1802, and died Feb. 3, 1896. They had children as follows: Elizabeth, widow of John Evans, is a resident of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county; Christian is mentioned farther on; Catharine, widow of Jeremiah Martin, lives at Elizabethtown, this county. Mrs. Catharine Stern was a daughter of Samuel Lehn, who was born Oct. 3, 1771, in the vicinity of Ephrata, this county, and there spent most of his life, dying Jan. 20, 1854. He married Magdelone Shreiner, who died March 4, 1847, aged seventy-five years, seven months, five days.

Christian Stern, father of Peter M., was born March 18, 1828, and still survives, living near the old home, with his second wife; he has been retired from active labor for a long period. He still clings to the speech of his ancestors, never having cared to learn the English tongue. Mr. Stern is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. His first wife, Catharine Moyer, was born Jan. 31, 1829, in Mt. Joy township, and died Oct. 22, 1878; she was buried in a private burying ground on the old farm. Children as follows were born to this union: Martin, born Nov. 11, 1853, died the same day. Elizabeth, born Dec. 22, 1854, married John Bomberger, a farmer near Lititz. Peter M., born Sept. 19, 1856, is mentioned below. Christian M., born Sept. 6, 1858, lives on the old farm which has been in the family since 1705; he married first Maggie K. Stern, and for his second wife Mary Westerberger.

John Moyer, maternal grandfather of Peter M. Stern, was born Aug. 6, 1790, and died May 2, 1858. His wife, Elizabeth (Meashev), born Feb. 4, 1798, died in May, 1859. They had children as follows: Peter married Betsey Shearer, and both died in

Dauphin county, Pa. Jacob married Catharine Meckley, and they died in Lancaster county. Mary, widow of Daniel Shoemaker, is a resident of Illinois. Nancy, widow of John Snyder, lives in Lancaster county. Betsey married Joseph Horst, and died in Lancaster county. John married Betsey Drubaker, now also deceased, who lived in Lancaster county. Christian, now deceased, married Rosanna Verner. Catharine became the mother of Peter M. Stern. Martha is the widow of Peter Haldeman, of Milton Grove, Lancaster county. Samuel, who married Anna Weaver, lives at Vian, Dauphin county.

On Sept. 15, 1878, Peter M. Stern was married, in Manheim, Pa., to Miss Anna Mary Groff, and two children have come to this union, Samuel G., who was married Oct. 14, 1902, to Anna Mary Johnson, and Stella M. Until his marriage Peter M. Stern resided with his parents, and then removed to his present farm, which he has operated ever since most successfully. He is generally regarded as one of the most progressive farmers of his neighborhood, and the air of thrift and prosperity which surrounds his place, does much to prove the wisdom of his methods. In politics Mr. Stern is identified with the Prohibition party. In religion he belongs to and generously supports the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Stern justly enjoys the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and is known as a man of honest speech and upright conduct.

Mrs. Stern was born in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Newgard) Groff, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, and the latter of Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Groff was brought to Lancaster county by his mother when he was but three years old, and all the rest of his life was spent here. He became a skilled carpenter and an excellent farmer. He died in Mt. Joy township May 8, 1897, at the age of sixty-six years, and Mrs. Groff, who was born in 1838, resides in Milton Grove. The only child born to this marriage was Anna Mary, who became Mrs. Stern.

Frantz Groff, Mrs. Stern's paternal great-great-grandfather, emigrated to America from Switzerland about the year 1736. He died at an advanced age and is buried near Mastersonville, Lancaster county. His son, Samuel Groff, married Barbara Wolgamuth. He is interred in a private burying ground near Rheems, Lancaster county. Samuel Groff, son of Samuel, and grandfather of Mrs. Stern, was born in Lancaster county. He married Lydia Shaeffer, also a native of this county, born Jan. 20, 1804, who died Aug. 25, 1885. They went to Ashland county, Ohio, where Mr. Groff died, and a railroad now passes through the cemetery where he was buried. The widow returned with her children to Lancaster county.

Jacob Schaeffer, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Stern through her grandmother, Mrs. Lydia (Shaeffer) Groff, emigrated to America from





Switzerland about 1736, and was killed by the Indians somewhere in the neighborhood south of what is now Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. He had a family of four sons and two daughters, and at the time the father was killed one of the daughters, then about thirteen years of age, was captured by the Redmen. She lived with them seven years, at the end of which time she with some twelve others (taken prisoners at the same time) was returned to the white settlers, and she subsequently married a white man; at the time of her return she was dressed entirely in silk. All of the girls taken by the Indians at that time had dark eyes and black hair.

Jacob Shaeffer, son of the emigrant, had a family of thirteen children, all of whom married and had families. Peter married Nancy Hoffer. John was the next in the family. Henry married Elizabeth Staly. Catharine married Peter Bishop, of Oberlin, Dauphin Co., Pa. David married a Miss Bringits. Margaret married Daniel Seanders. Ann Maria married a Mr. Weaver, of Franklin county, Pa. William married Barbara Hoffer. Adam married a Walters. Sally first became Mrs. Brandt, afterward Mrs. Nagly. Molly married a Mr. Baum. Elizabeth became Mrs. Sowers. Lydia was Mrs. Stern's grandmother Groff. The father of this family served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, and took part in the battle of Trenton. His eldest son, Peter, was also a soldier on the American side in that conflict, and fought in the battle of Brandywine.

Lorentz Newgard, Mrs. Stern's maternal grandfather, came to America from his native land, Germany, in 1830, when twenty-seven years old. He married Elizabeth Boyer, and they had children: Joseph married Elizabeth Gantz, both are deceased. Elizabeth, Mrs. Samuel S. Groff, was the mother of Mrs. Stern. Kate, who married George Greiner, is living near Mastersonville, this county. Samuel, who still survives, married Maria Stauffer; she died some time ago. The father died in 1875, at the age of seventy-three, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Elizabethtown. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

ELLIS E. HUNSECKER, proprietor of a roller mill and justice of the peace in Gap, Lancaster county, is one of the prominent citizens of Salisbury township.

Mr. Hunsecker was born Oct. 26, 1861, at Leaman Place, Paradise township, son of Jacob and Elizabeth J. (Oberly) Hunsecker, natives of Lancaster county. Their present residence is in Paradise township, Mr. Hunsecker being a retired miller, having given up his business in that line in 1884, at which time he located in his present home. From 1865 until 1883 Mr. Hunsecker served his district in the capacity of school director, and took an active interest in both educational and religious matters. He was born in 1827, and his wife in 1836. They both are esteemed members of the Episcopal

Church. They had children as follows: Grace, who married Ezra H. Leaman, a box manufacturer in Paradise township; Austin, who died young; and Ellis E.

The paternal grandparents of Ellis E. Hunsecker were Rudolph and Mattie (Longenecker) Hunsecker, natives of Dauphin county, who came first to Columbia and later to Paradise township, where the former carried on milling. On the maternal side he is a grandson of John Oberly, a farmer of Lancaster county.

In 1863 Ellis E. Hunsecker accompanied the rest of the family to Salisbury township, was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. When his father retired from activity in the milling business, he took his place, and has since then been the successful operator of both mill and farm. From his childhood he has been familiar with the workings of the mill. The mill with which Mr. Hunsecker is connected is located in Salisbury township, three miles from Gap, on the Newport road, and was erected in 1780 by Christian Hess. Since 1863 the mill has been the property of the Hunsecker family. It is well equipped for business, being fitted with a forty-horse waterpower and modern rollers. Under Mr. Hunsecker's management its patronage has steadily increased, and it is one of the most prosperous industries in this section. Mr. Hunsecker and his family have resided in Gap since November, 1866.

On Aug. 27, 1900, Mr. Hunsecker was appointed justice of the peace, to serve out an unexpired term, and his administration was approved by his election to the office in February, 1901. His interest in educational matters has been active, and from the age of twenty-one years he was connected with the school board, his removal into Gap alone severing this long association. Fraternally he is a Blue Lodge Mason. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church and is one of its consistent members and liberal supporters.

On Sept. 22, 1880, Mr. Hunsecker was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss S. Vina Skiles, and one son has been born to this union. J. Lloyd. Mrs. Hunsecker was born Sept. 23, 1861, in Salisbury township, daughter of John and Sophia (Elmar) Skiles, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. Mrs. Skiles was born July 7, 1831, and her death occurred July 11, 1888. Mr. Skiles was born April 19, 1826, and is now a retired farmer in Salisbury township. Mr. and Mrs. Skiles belonged to the Episcopal Church. Their children were as follows: Anna, who died young; Catherine E., who married Frank B. Greenell, a cigar-maker in Philadelphia; Emma, who married H. B. Worst, of Philadelphia; S. Vina, who became Mrs. Hunsecker; Miss Lydia L., who resides in Philadelphia; Martin V., who is a carpenter in Salisbury township; and Wilkes B., deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hunsecker were John and



Elizabeth (Henderson) Skiles, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a well-known shingle manufacturer. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Rhoads) Elmar, natives of Lancaster county.

In Gap and the surrounding country Mr. Hunsacker is well known and very highly regarded as an upright and reliable citizen. The family is prominent in social life, and they all enjoy the esteem of the community.

MONROE B. WENGER, proprietor of the "Washington House," at Maytown, Lancaster county, was born in West Earl township, this county, Nov. 8, 1842, son of Jacob G. and Lucy (Bear) Wenger, natives of West Earl and Bareville, Pa., respectively.

Jacob G. Wenger operated the "Akron Hotel" (Lancaster county) from 1850 until April, 1882, when his son, Monroe B., purchased the hostelry, conducting it until 1895. Jacob G., after disposing of the hotel, lived in retirement, in a house adjoining, until his death, which occurred in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years, his widow surviving until December, 1897, when she passed away at the age of seventy-three. Their remains were interred in the Metzlar Meeting House cemetery, in Earl township, the land for which meeting house and cemetery was donated to the Mennonite congregation by Grandfather Wenger. To Jacob G. Wenger and his wife were born nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the survivors, who reached, or nearly reached, mature years, Monroe B. is the eldest: Clayton was a member of the 122d P. V. I., and was shot at Chancellorsville; Zacharias was twice married, and died when fifty years old; Lemon B. was a soldier of the Civil war, was a stenographer and telegraph operator, and died in Illinois; Ambrose, who served in the 17th Pa. Cav. in the Civil war, was a carpenter and contractor, and assisted in rebuilding Chicago, Ill., after the great fire of 1871 (he died in Akron, Pa.); Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Horace Killan, a merchant of Akron, who is also deceased.

Samuel Wenger, the grandfather of Monroe B. Wenger, was a farmer of West Earl township. He married a Miss Groff, who bore him four children, viz.: Isaac, deceased; Henry, a retired farmer of Elkhart, Ind.; John, deceased; and Jacob G., father of Monroe B. Samuel Wenger's wife was called away when a comparatively young woman. He himself survived to a ripe old age, dying in 1880, at the age of ninety-two years.

The Wenger and Groff families were among the early settlers of Lancaster county, Hans Groff, the pioneer on the maternal side, coming from Germany in 1716, and settling in what is now known as Groffdale, Lancaster Co., Pa., about the year 1716. From him have descended all the members of this now distinguished "Pennsylvania-Dutch" family of the name.

On Feb. 15, 1864, Monroe B. Wenger was united in marriage, in Lancaster, with Miss Susan A. Bender, who has borne him the following named children: Clayton F., a barber of Akron, who married Viola Writzel; Elmer, who died July 5, 1888; Minnie C., wife of John Albright, of Akron, a farmer and cigarmaker; Lemon N., a decorator; Jacob B., who is married to Norah H. Shirk, and resides with his father; and John, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Susan A. (Bender) Wenger was born in Lancaster, daughter of John and Mary (Bush) Bender, and died Aug. 21, 1894, at the age of forty-seven years, seven months, seventeen days, her remains being interred at Akron. The second marriage of Mr. Wenger took place Sept. 17, 1898, in Lancaster, to Mary F. Foran, a native of Washington, D. C. To this marriage have come no children.

Monroe B. Wenger was a patriot of the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted at Harrisburg June 8, 1861, in Co. D, 12th P. V. I., in which he served until June 11, 1864. He fought at Drainesville, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, and in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded in the hand. At the first battle of Fredericksburg he lost the third finger of his left hand and was confined in Lincoln Hospital for a month, being sent thence to Philadelphia. After his honorable discharge he came to Lancaster and followed his trade for two years in the locomotive works, and afterward, for a year, was engaged in grading a mile and a quarter of the road. He then ran a construction train on the Reading & Columbia road for two years, and was then promoted to the position of engineer, in which capacity he acted until April 14, 1877. He then worked at his trade until April, 1882, when he returned to his old home and purchased the "Washington House," now one of the most popular hotels in Lancaster county.

Fraternally Mr. Wenger is a member of the I. O. O. F. In religion he is a free thinker, in politics a socialist, and individually he is one of the most popular men in the town of Maytown.

DAVID N. LANDIS, a general farmer of Upper Leacock township, was born in East Lampeter township Dec. 26, 1842, a son of David and Mary (Neff) Landis, natives both of East Lampeter township. Previous to his death in March, 1882, Father Landis lived retired for fourteen years, and was seventy-four at the time of his death. The mother died in 1848, at the age of thirty-five, and both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried in Mellinger's cemetery, in East Lampeter township. The children born to the parents of our subject were: John, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township; Christian, a farmer; Moses, a retired farmer of this township; David N., of this sketch; Susan, deceased, who married Isaac L. Landis; Mary, who married Benjamin L. Landis,





of Lancaster; Leah, who married Jacob R. Buckwalder, of East Lampeter; Evan, who married Adam Ranck, a farmer of Paradise township; Anna, who married Michael L. Rohrer, of Upper Leacock township; and Lizzie, who married Jacob Hostetter, of Lancaster, who occupies the position of turnkey in the prison. All of this family are among the highly respected citizens of this county.

David N. Landis is one of the substantial men of this county. Until he was twenty-one years old he remained assisting his father on the home farm, then removed to Upper Leacock township on a farm, thence, in 1901 to his present farm, being the fortunate owner of three of the most productive and best improved farms in this locality.

The first marriage of David N. Landis occurred on Nov. 23, 1866, in Lancaster, when Hettie Rohrer became his wife. She was born in Upper Leacock township, and died in 1871, at the early age of twenty-seven years, and was interred in the Rohrer burying place. She was a daughter of Isaac and Mattie (Binkley) Rohrer, of Lancaster county. The children of this marriage were: Eleanora, who married Wayne Bare, a farmer of East Lampeter; and Mary M., who married Amos Witmer of East Lampeter. Mr. Landis was married, second, on Dec. 25, 1877, in East Lampeter township, to Catherine Landis, and to this marriage two sons were born, Harry L. and Aaron L.

Mrs. Catherine (Landis) Landis was born in Upper Leacock township on June 16, 1813, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hostetter) Landis, natives of East Lampeter and Lancaster townships. Mr. Landis, the father, retired from activity in 1873, having long been a prominent farmer, and he died in January, 1891, at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother died in 1872, at the age of fifty-nine, and both were buried on their old farm, and both of them were leading members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to David and Elizabeth Landis were: Mary Ann, widow of Jacob Metzler, of West Earl township; Hettie, the wife of Samuel Burkholder, of West Earl township; Barbara, widow of Abram Koehel; Anna E., wife of John Wenger, of Manheim; Catherine, wife of Mr. Landis, of this sketch; Louisa, the wife of Abram Herr, of East Lampeter; John, deceased; Jacob, residing on the old homestead in Upper Leacock; and David deceased.

David N. Landis has always been a member of the Republican party, and with his family belongs to the Mennonite Church. He is held in high esteem in his community, being a man of strict integrity and upright life.

HENRY H. CHARLES, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 14, 1859, on his present farm, five miles west of Lancaster City, a son of John and Susan (Herr) Charles. Henry H. Charles was educated in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-

one years began operations on his own account by engaging in general farming on his present tract of seventy acres, and about 1885 embarked in the poultry business, beginning in a small way with the Silver Wyandottes, but has since added the Light Brahmas, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Buff Cochins, Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, Buff Orpingtons, Black Wyandottes, and White Plymouth Rocks, his stock comprising the finest and purest strains in the country, and this stock is in demand wherever poultry raising is indulged in either for profit or pleasure. The Henry H. Charles plant is supplied with every modern convenience and contrivance for the profitable raising of poultry, and his incubators will admit of the introduction of 3,000 eggs at one hatching, and the yards, poultry-houses, coops, etc., are perfect in every respect. His general farm is a model in itself, and is conducted on scientific and practical principles.

On Nov. 8, 1880, Henry H. Charles married Miss Lizzie L. Landis, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Landis) Landis, of Landis Valley, and born May 4, 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles have been born nine children, namely: David L., Anna L., Henry L., Benjamin L. (deceased), Lizzie L., Mary L., Alice L., John L., and Laura L. The family are members of the Christian Alliance at Lancaster, of which Rev. Noah Hess is pastor.

PETER REESER. One of the most successful agriculturists residing in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and now in the prime of life, is Peter Reeser, who was born in East Kaolin, Chester Co., Pa., July 14, 1844, a son of Peter and Catherine (Mast) Reeser, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Berks counties.

Peter Reeser, the father, was a very successful farmer through life. He removed from Lancaster county to Chester county in the spring of 1844, and settled near the Lancaster line, where he followed his vocation until his death, which occurred Oct. 15, 1856, when he was but forty-eight years old, while his widow lived to be seventy-seven, and died March 17, 1884, their remains being interred in Hershey's Mennonite Church Cemetery in Salisbury. Their parents were Jacob and Barbara (Blank) Reeser and David and Mary (Kurtz) Mast, of Lancaster county. Their own children were four in number, and were as follows: David, who married Mary Sparr, but has since been called away; Jacob, married to Sarah Plank, and now farming in Chester county; Peter, whose name stands at the opening of this biography; and Mary, who is the wife of Chris Hoover.

Peter Reeser, the subject proper of this biographical notice, rented a farm in Salisbury township in 1871, his mother and sister becoming his housekeepers, and thus the household was conducted until December 20, 1879, when Mr. Reeser was united in marriage at White Horse, Salisbury township, with Miss Lizzie Umble, who has borne



him two children, Anna M., and John U. Mrs. Lizzie (Umble) Reeser was born in Salisbury township, Jan. 23, 1847, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Umble, natives, respectively, of Salisbury and Upper Leacock townships, who came to the farm on which Mr. Reeser and wife now reside in 1836, and here passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying on Jan. 20, 1802, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the mother in 1853, when forty-one. John Umble was prominent in the community as a farmer and drover, served his fellow-citizens as tax collector, school director and supervisor, and was otherwise recognized as a useful and public-spirited citizen. The remains of this couple were interred in Plank's cemetery in Salisbury township. Their children were two in number, namely, Anna, who died at the age of two years; and Lizzie, who is now Mrs. Peter Reeser. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Reeser were John and Mary (Kurtz) Umble, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a farmer, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Yoder) Kurtz, of the same county and also farming people.

At his marriage Peter Reeser settled on his present farm of 102 acres, on which he has made many improvements, and the tillage of which has received his constant attention until the present time. He has never frittered away his time in seeking for office, but when called upon to serve his fellow-citizens in any capacity has felt it to be his duty to do so to the best of his ability, and for this reason has for the past seven years filled the position of school director. He and his wife are sincere in their profession of the doctrines of the Evangelical church, of which they are members, and to the maintenance of which they liberally contribute. Mr. Reeser by his industry and good management has acquired a competency, and although still comparatively a young man enjoys a wide spread and well-deserved respect throughout the township. His wife's family are also held in high esteem, and she individually is honored by the entire community for her many amiable qualities and womanly graces and virtues.

JOHN G. MOYER, one of the prominent and representative farmer-citizens of Mt. Joy township, was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, Aug. 6, 1851, son of Rev. John W. and Mary (Greiner) Moyer, the former of whom was born in Lebanon county, and the latter in Rapho township, Lancaster county.

Rev. John W. Moyer came to Lancaster county in 1849, and for forty years labored faithfully as a minister in the Evangelical Church. Both he and wife died on the farm now occupied by their son John G., in 1898, where they had resided since 1865. The father of our subject died at the age of seventy-nine years and two months. The bereaved widow only survived him five weeks, and they were both buried in Milton Grove cemetery. They had three children, namely: Harriet G., who died Jan. 29,

1900; John G., of this record; and Anna Mary, who died at the age of seven years. The paternal grandfather was David Moyer of Lebanon county, where he died, and the grandmother, whose maiden name was Wolgemuth, passed away at the home of her son Rev. John W., in Rapho township, Lancaster county. The maternal grandfather was John Greiner, a large farmer in Lancaster county, and he and his wife, a member of the Kiser family, were buried on the old Greiner farm, in Rapho township.

John G. Moyer comes of agricultural ancestors, and he has confined his efforts to farming through a very successful life, remaining as his father's assistant until 1890. He then operated a farm in East Dongal township until 1901, when he returned to his present farm, the same upon which he was reared. He has been identified with many of the public improvements in this part of the county, and not only owns considerable stock in the Elizabethtown Turnpike Co., but is one of its directors. For three years he served on the township school board, and is known for his enterprise and public spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and he belongs to the fraternal order of Knights of Malta.

In August, 1874, in Lancaster, Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Hettie Gible, and the four children born to this union are as follows: Hiram, who died young; Aaron, who married Belle Arnold, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Miss Mamie is at home, as is also John P. G. Mrs. Moyer was born Feb. 12, 1851, in Rapho township, daughter of Michael and Hettie (Grove) Gible, natives of that township, where they spent their lives. Mr. Gible was a farmer and a member of the Old Dunkard Church. He died May 30, 1877, aged sixty-six years, and his widow died in 1883, aged sixty-nine years. They were laid to rest in private ground in the old Gible farm. Their children were as follows: Benjamin, a farmer in Rapho township; Anna, wife of Benjamin Brookhart, a farmer of Manheim township; Michael, a farmer of Rapho township; Abraham, a farmer in Lebanon county; Hettie, the wife of Mr. Moyer; Jacob who lost his life by an accident, May 27, 1882, while assisting in raising a Dunkard Church, in Rapho township; Amos, a farmer in Rapho township; and Nathan, also a farmer in Rapho township. The paternal grandfather was Rev. Abraham Gible, who was a farmer and later a preacher in the Old Dunkard Church; his wife's maiden name was Menger. The maternal grandfather was John Grove, the latter name being spelled Groff in Switzerland, where the family originated; his wife belonged to the Bicker family.

DAVID S. BLANK, who resides on his farm just north of New Holland, belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of Lancaster county. He was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 20, 1841, a son of Jacob, a grandson of John, and a great-grandson of Jacob, who died in 1835. The great-grandmother of David S. Blank died in 1794.





They lived in Salisbury township, where they reared a family of eight children: (1) Maria, born July 29, 1786, died Dec. 26, 1848; (2) Anna, born Jan. 13, 1782, died Nov. 30, 1856; (3) John, born Sept. 23, 1784, died in 1846; (4) Jacob, born April 29, 1786; (5) Samuel, born July 13, 1788; (6) Barbara, born Feb. 2, 1790, married Christian Newhauser, and died March 5, 1873; (7) Elizabeth, born June 11, 1792, died June 24, 1874; (8) Christian, born June 24, 1794, died in Juniata county, Pa., April 7, 1844.

John Blank, the grandfather of David S., was a farmer, and owned considerable estate in Salisbury township, where his life was largely passed. He was also a minister of the Amish Church, and his work extended over a large territory. In 1809 he was married to Fannie Lantz, of Mifflin county, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Lantz, natives of Mifflin county, where she was born Dec. 20, 1787. She died in 1859. To this union were born: (1) Lydia, born May 22, 1810, married John Newhauser, and died April 24, 1851; (2) Samuel, born Oct. 24, 1813, died Nov. 19, 1879; (3) Jacob, father of David S., born March 28, 1816, died Feb. 25, 1893; (4) John, born Aug. 10, 1818, died Oct. 2, 1822; (5) Christian, born Sept. 8, 1820; (6) Magdalena, born April 12, 1823, became the wife of John Smoker, died Nov. 30, 1887; (7) Stephen, born Jan. 30, 1826, was killed on the railroad Jan. 18, 1851.

Jacob Blank, noted above as the father of David, was reared on his father's farm in Salisbury township, where he spent his active life, retiring in old age to a home in Earl township, and dying at the home of his son, John S. He was a devoted Christian man, a member of the Amish Church, and became well-to-do in the community in which he was highly respected. Mary, his wife, was a daughter of David and Nancy (Fisher) Stoltzfus, and was born in Leacock township, Sept. 2, 1819. She died April 1, 1893. They had six children: (1) Fannie, born Nov. 23, 1839, married Jacob Stoltzfus, a resident of West Earl township; (2) David S.; (3) John S., born July 27, 1844, is a farmer of Earl township; (4) Annie, born Dec. 25, 1848, is the wife of John Miller, of Leacock township; (5) Sarah, born Dec. 29, 1851, is the wife of Simeon Stoltzfus, of Earl township; (6) Mary, born Aug. 11, 1859, is the wife of Eli Schmucker, of Earl township.

David S. Blank was reared in Salisbury township, and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-four he began cultivating on his own account a farm of his father, in Salisbury township, remaining there until coming to his present home in 1868, to dwell on what has become under his capable tillage one of the very best farms in this section of the county. It comprises eighty-six acres, every foot of which is under high cultivation. Mr. Blank is a prominent and influential citizen, takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and is one of the broad-minded and progressive men of the day.

Mr. Blank was married Jan. 15, 1866, to Miss

Mary Byler, of Mifflin county, who was born May 15, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lantz) Byler. To this union have come the following children: (1) Joseph, born Dec. 16, 1866, is a farmer, and has his home in Salisbury township; (2) Jacob, born Oct. 24, 1868, died young; (3) David, born March 11, 1870, is a resident of Leacock township; (4) Malinda, born Nov. 5, 1871, married Daniel Byler, of Leacock township; (5) Mary, born May 23, 1873, married Gideon Byler, of Leacock township; (6) John, born June 8, 1875, died March 31, 1891; (7) Emma, born Aug. 24, 1878, is at home; (8) Samuel, born May 25, 1880, is at home; (9) Isaac, born Oct. 17, 1882, is at home, as is his sister, (10) Sarah, born Dec. 23, 1884; (11) a son. Mr. and Mrs. Blank and family are members of the Amish Church, and hold a creditable position among the good people of this section of Lancaster county.

AMOS N. STAUFFER, the proprietor of the Little Chickies Mills, on the banks of the Little Chickies about three miles from Mt. Joy, Pa., is engaged in its operation, and uses both water power and a gasoline engine. This mill was built by Benjamin Miller, and has been in the Stauffer family about forty years.

Mr. Stauffer was born on the place where he is now living Dec. 24, 1864, a son of Peter H. and Anna (Newcomer) Stauffer, who were married in Lancaster, Jan. 3, 1854. They were born in West Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively, and began their married life in West Donegal, but in the year of their marriage they moved to the mill property, which Mr. Stauffer purchased from his father's estate. Jacob Snyder had been its owner prior to its acquirement by the Stauffer family. Peter H. Stauffer was born Feb. 16, 1827, and now resides with his son Amos N. The mother, who was born in 1830, died in February, 1886, and was buried in the Kraybills cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Christ, who died at the age of forty-two years, who was married to Elizabeth Bear; Levi is in the engine and implement business in Mt. Joy, Pa.; Elizabeth died young; and Amos N.

The paternal grandparents of Amos N. Stauffer were Jacob and Catherine (Hershey) Stauffer, of Lancaster county. The grandfather died on the old homestead in 1860, at the age of fifty-nine years; and the grandmother in 1875, at the age of seventy-three, both in the faith of the Mennonite Church. They were both laid to their last rest in the family burying ground on the old West Donegal homestead. They had the following family: Benjamin, deceased; Anna, deceased; Peter H.; Fanny, deceased wife of Christ Snyder; Joseph, deceased; Christ, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer; Henry, a farmer near Lititz; Abraham, engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead; and Saul, in Dayton, Ohio.

The paternal great-grandparents were John and Anna (Nissley) Stauffer, farming people of Lan-





caster county, where he was also engaged in the operation of a mill near Manheim. The maternal grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Nissley) Newcomer, of the township of Rapho, where they followed farming and died on the old homestead.

Amos N. Stauffer and Barbara Miller were married Oct. 25, 1887. This union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Norman M., Bertha M., Mary M., Leah M. and David N. Mrs. Barbara Stauffer was born in Conoy township, a daughter of D. L. Miller, of Mt. Joy.

Mr. Stauffer remained with his parents until 1892, when he purchased the farm, and his father has resided with him. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics a Republican. Both father and son are highly respected members of the community and sustain a fine reputation for honesty, industry and neighborly spirit.

AMOS ADAM SHEAFFER, a successful business man of Lancaster, belongs to an old family of the county. His great-grandfather, Martin Sheaffer, and his grandfather, also named Martin, both lived and died in Lancaster county, where they were substantial farmers.

Adam G. Sheaffer, father of Amos A., was a farmer of Ephrata township, and died in April, 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Mary Catherine Fry, daughter of Jacob Fry, a farmer of Ephrata township. His farm was close to Frys ville, a village founded by the family. Mr. and Mrs. Adam G. Sheaffer were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living: Martin, a hotel-keeper at Kinzers; Amos A., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Martha Louisa, wife of Conrad Sheaffer, of Lancaster, who is now living retired; Susan, wife of Cyrus Sheaffer, a farmer of Bareville; Harriet Emma, wife of Jacob Herr, who is living retired at Bareville; and Eliza Missouri, wife of John M. Ranck, a farmer of New Holland. Among the deceased was Jacob F., the distiller, whose "Golden Rod" whisky was widely known.

Amos Adam Sheaffer was born on the old homestead, now known as Hinkletown, Nov. 22, 1861, and was educated in the public schools, which he left when eighteen years of age. For a time he was employed on a farm, and in 1885 became a salesman for his brother Jacob, who had his liquor business at No. 3 North Queen street. There he remained until September, 1889, when he purchased a store. Seven years ago Mr. Sheaffer secured a front room on East King street, and, uniting the two rooms, opened a large and convenient liquor store. It is not unusual for him to wholesale seventy barrels of whisky a month, his leading brands being the "Sheaffer," the "Golden Rod" and the "Club" whiskies. Mr. Sheaffer has the formula of the "Golden Rod," and his copper distilled "Golden Rod" has become even more popular than the original brand.

Mr. Sheaffer married Miss Eliza Long, Jan. 11, 1893. She is a daughter of a farmer who lives on the old Long homestead near Neffsville. To them have come three children: Mary May, who is now at school; Benjamin Leon and Amos Paul. They have a very charming home at No. 537 North Duke street, where Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer have lived since their marriage. Mr. Sheaffer is a Republican, and belongs to the Lutheran Church at Bergstrasse, where his mother and her father lie buried. The Sheaffer ancestors were for the most part buried at Grofdale.

WILLIAM J. CALDWELL, a well-known and prosperous general farmer in Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 23, 1867, in the township where his active years are passing, son of John B. and Amanda (Hershey) Caldwell. His parents were farming people, and remained in Leacock township until 1895, when they removed to Narberth, Montgomery Co., Pa., to live retired, Mr. Caldwell having relinquished active labor in 1898. He was born in 1839. Mrs. Caldwell on May 5, 1845. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The father has been a Republican all his active years, and is now devoted to the tenets of the party which in former days meant so much to him. The children of this estimable couple are as follows: William J.; Charles E., a traveling salesman from Philadelphia; John A.; and Robert W., who is in the coal and feed business. The paternal grandparents of William J. Caldwell were William and Sarah (Buyers) Caldwell, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob F. and Christiana (Bair) Hershey, all natives and residents of Lancaster county.

William J. Caldwell was married Oct. 17, 1888, to Lillie E. Hurst, who was born Nov. 12, 1865, on the farm where she and her husband are now established, daughter of Mathias S. Hurst. To this union have come two children, Grace L. and Bertha E.

Mr. Caldwell lived with his parents until his marriage, and for seven years was engaged in cultivating the old family homestead. At the end of that time he moved to the farm where he is now to be found, a handsome and well appointed place of 109 acres. Mr. Caldwell has been school director for five years, and is a Republican in his political views. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL F. FOLTZ, a deputy collector in the 9th Internal Revenue District, belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster county, whose various representatives for several generations have played an important part in local affairs. He was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, Aug. 3, 1859, and received his education in the public schools. When he was about twenty years old he secured employment in the store of Mr. Wechter, at Terrehill, where he remained about two and a half years. For another year he was engaged in farming,



and then set himself to the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged for a number of years.

In 1885 Mr. Foltz was elected to the office of constable, being also assessor, as the two offices were at that time associated. He filled these positions for five consecutive terms, and while in office was appointed, May 15, 1890, a deputy revenue collector for the 9th District. After four years of work in that position he was ousted by a change of administration. In 1895 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of tax collector, to which, after two years' employment he was elected, continuing therein until September, 1898, when he was again appointed a deputy Revenue collector, in the same district in which he was before engaged. Here he has been retained to the present time, and has a very creditable record as a capable and efficient Revenue official. Mr. Foltz has served several times as a member of the Republican committee, and is recognized as one of the wheel horses of his party in the county.

Mr. Foltz belongs to the A. O. K. of M. C., and to the I. O. O. F., Terrehill Lodge, No. 454. Socially he has made many friends by his frank and endearing qualities.

Mr. Foltz was married, April 23, 1880, to Miss Frances S. Peters, who died in 1891, leaving two children, Lizzie V. and Percy. Mr. Foltz married, for his second wife, Dec. 24, 1893, Miss Mary L. Nelson. She belongs to the Evangelical Church.

**HERMAN BOMEISLER GRIFFITHS**, manager of Rocky Springs Park, a famous picnic resort near Lancaster, although not a native of Lancaster county, has done so much for the promotion of enjoyment and healthful amusement among the people of the city that they regard him as "one of their very own." For seven years he has had his business there, and in that time has commended himself most favorably to the local public.

James Griffiths, the father of Herman B., settled in Philadelphia, and was one of the early steel engravers in this country. A gentleman of much intelligence and fine physique, he was active and vigorous during a long and useful life, until his last illness, from which his death resulted Jan. 2, 1896. James Griffiths was married in early manhood to Mary Bomeisler, and by her became the father of three sons, William M., Herman B. and James A., all of whom have been amusement caterers for more than twenty years. Among the cities and towns where they have had charge of rinks, parks and other places of attraction are: Atlantic City, Omaha, Meriden, Richmond, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Mt. Gretna, Pa. (where H. B. Griffiths has also been in charge six years), Nishanung Falls, Pa., Wilmington, Sea Isle City, Cape May, Chesapeake Beach, Md., and other places of more or less importance.

Herman B. Griffiths was born in Frankford, this state, Feb. 1, 1854, and was educated in the schools of Montgomery county. At the age of seventeen years he applied himself to the calico printing busi-

ness in company with his father, at Gloucester, N. J., where he worked four years. On March 4, 1880, he was married to Sarah Emma, daughter of William and Isabella Hillborn, both natives of this State, and Quakers, of English descent. The family was reared in that faith for many generations, and Jesse G. Webster, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Griffiths, was a cousin of Daniel Webster. From this union were born two children, Isabella Hillborn and William Herman. After his marriage Mr. Griffiths began the cultivation of the paternal estate, which is now in the possession of his mother. In the spring of 1896 he took possession of Rocky Springs Park, near Lancaster, on a six years' lease, having an option on the place. This interesting park consists of forty-two acres along the picturesque Conestoga river, the only wooded tract anywhere near the city that can be used for general picnic and park purposes. Two commodious steamers were put on the river by him for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from the Park, and he also built a dance pavilion, a large show pavilion, and a pavilion for the purpose of protecting passengers while waiting for the boat, besides beautifying the place with exquisite flower beds, adding birds and animals to the place, building a large toboggan, a switch back railroad, etc. He introduced electric lights for the densely shaded grounds, replacing the coal oil torches and lamps formerly in use, and the park was so improved in every way that it soon became the great picnic resort of Lancaster, more than one hundred thousand people visiting it every season. Their general and generous response to his efforts so pleased Mr. Griffiths that he has already secured ownership of one-third of the Park, and still retains his option on the remainder.

Such has been the career of one who has done so much to give the people of Lancaster a resort where the young and old, rich and poor, can spend a day or an hour in recreation at a trifling cost, and he has certainly proved himself a public benefactor.

**GEORGE KINZER HOFFMEIER**, who is in business with his brother, Charles Stamm Hoffmeier, under the name of Hoffmeier Brothers, dealers in furniture at No. 40 East King street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandfather, the well-remembered J. L. Hoffmeier, was born in Millersville, Lancaster county. The progenitor of the family in this country came from Germany. J. L. Hoffmeier was for years clerk of the Lancaster county prison, filling that office with rare ability.

Amos K. Hoffmeier, father of the Hoffmeier Brothers, was also a furniture dealer in East King street for many years, and was the inventor of some very excellent devices in furniture. He died in 1894. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Stamm) Hoffmeier, belongs to a very old family and is a sister of Frederick Stamm, who attained considerable fame as an inventor. The surviving children of Mr. and Mrs.







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Hoffmeier are as follows: George K. and Charles S. constitute the firm noted above. Mary Grace is the wife of Prof. Thaddeus G. Helm, principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster. Herbert Miller is one of the assistant superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Lancaster. Two children have passed away.

George K. Hoffmeier was born in Lancaster Dec. 13, 1861, received his education in the city schools, after which he was employed in his father's establishment for two years, when he became manager of the telephone service in the city and county. This position he held for four years. For three years he had charge of the telephone department of the fire insurance patrol in Philadelphia. In July, 1886 he came back to Lancaster to take a position in his father's store, which he held until 1889, when, in company with his brother Charles, he embarked in his present enterprise.

Mr. Hoffmeier was married, Nov. 14, 1889, to Miss Emma D. Stauffer, a daughter of the late Martin Stauffer, of Gap, who had retired from active business some years before his death. Mr. Hoffmeier belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church, and to the Artisans. He and his wife live in a charming home at No. 26 Chester street.

CHARLES STAMM HOFFMEIER, of the firm of Hoffmeier Brothers, was born in Lancaster, Aug. 21, 1864. He attended the public schools until he reached the high school, which he left to enter his father's store, which was only a few doors from the magnificent establishment of which he is now one of the proprietors. There he remained until 1889, when the firm of Hoffmeier Brothers became a reality and began the successful business which is still conducted at the present stand. For some years they conducted their business on the second and third floors. After taking possession of the first floor of the building the business seemed to grow to amazing proportions. In 1901 an addition was built—a five-story building, thus giving a depth of 230 feet from East King street; it is one of the finest furniture establishments in the State.

Mr. Hoffmeier was married, May 22, 1889, to Miss Helen N. Bidwell, daughter of the late Solomon Bidwell, an inventor, of Philadelphia. To this union were born Rhea Charlotta and Helen Louise. The very cozy home of the family is at No. 22 Chester street. Mr. Hoffmeier is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. He is one of the charter members of the Young Republicans. The brothers are energetic and capable men, and no firm in the city enjoys the confidence of the people in a more marked degree.

B. Z. HESS, of Fulton township, is among the best and most favorably known citizens of the vicinity in which he resides. He was born in Pequea township, Lancaster county, April 5, 1858, and is a member of one of the oldest families of the county, being a son of Abraham M. and Annie (Zeigler)

Hess, both natives of Lancaster county. The father is still residing in Pequea township, at the ripe old age of seventy-two years.

Abraham Hess, grandfather of B. Z., was also born in Pequea township. He was the father of six children: Barbara, Elizabeth, Annie, Maria, Susan and Abraham M. The family adhered to the old Dunkard religion, and in politics the men were for the most part Whigs and later Republicans.

Abraham Hess was married (first) in 1850 to a Miss Hess, who, however, bore no relationship to his family before her marriage. They had one child, who died in infancy, the mother soon after following it to the grave. In 1855 Mr. Hess married (second) Miss Anna Zeigler, of an old Lancaster county family, and they had a family of seven children: Conrad is a farmer in Pequea township; B. Z. is mentioned below; Abraham A. is a farmer in Donegal township; Noah is a farmer of Pequea township; Martha is the wife of Parris Engle, of Columbia, Pa.; and Ezra and Elsie died in childhood. Mr. Hess lost his second wife by death, and married (third) Barbara Herr, of Manor township, by whom he has had four children: Annie is the wife of Jacob G. Mann, of Manor township; Enos resides in Virginia; Barbara died in infancy; and Elizabeth remains at home.

B. Z. Hess was reared on the home farm, receiving a common-school education. On May 17, 1882, he married Barbara, daughter of Henry and Susan (Buckwalter) Warfel, of an old family of Lancaster county. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Hess: Susan A., born Nov. 1, 1884, and Barbara, born Oct. 21, 1893, both residing at home. The mother, Mrs. Hess, was born Dec. 8, 1861.

Mr. Hess chose farming for his life vocation, and though he started out in moderate circumstances he is to-day the owner of a fine farm of 231 acres, with first class improvements. Mr. Hess is a Baptist in religious belief, and in politics is a member of the Republican party. He is one of the best known men in the southern part of Lancaster county, and is always associated with any movement whose object is the betterment of the community in which he lives.

GEORGE ARMENT LANE. The immediate ancestors of George Arment Lane were Thomas and Susanna (Graham) Lane, the former of whom passed out of life at the home of his son on March 1, 1884, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His occupation through a busy life had been that of carpenter and cabinetmaker, which business he followed in Paradise township, where he lived and died respected by all who knew him. His widow still survives, at the age of eighty years, and makes her home with her only child, George Arment Lane. The grandparents of Mr. Lane were Robert and Elizabeth (Arment) Lane, and Edward and Fanny Graham, the latter having been born of Scotch-Irish parents from the North of Ireland, who later settled in Harris-town, Paradise township, this county.





George Arment Lane was born Nov. 5, 1853, in Harristown, and obtained his education in the public schools. His opportunities were limited by lack of means, and at the age of fifteen years he decided that he would adopt teaching as a step in the career marked out for himself. As the law declared that no teacher under the age of seventeen was entitled to remuneration, he was obliged to consider his work in the light of practice, as he received no pay, although he secured a school before he was sixteen years of age. For seven years he followed the profession of teaching, at the same time adding to his own knowledge in preparation for the career he had planned for himself.

In 1876, Mr. Lane came to Lancaster city in order to engage in the study of law. He entered the office of the late Philip D. Baker, Esq., and was admitted to the bar April 28, 1878. He entered the arena of politics, and was chosen County Solicitor, being elected for a second term, and serving six years in that responsible office, from 1889 to 1894. In 1895 he was elected District Attorney of Lancaster county, his term of office extending through 1896, 1897, 1898. The period during which Mr. Lane was District Attorney of Lancaster county was important in the annals of that county. Many important cases were tried by him. It was during his term of office that Ralph Wireback was convicted of the murder of D. B. Landis and executed, being the first to receive the extreme penalty of the law in this county since 1858. Bertha McConnell was convicted of attempted murder, and served her time; Jerry Green, colored, was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his half-brother, and was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment; and young Leopold, whose forgeries of the name of a millionaire attracted attention all over the State, was sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory after Mr. Lane had convicted him. These are some of the most noted cases out of nearly three thousand disposed of during his term.

Mr. Lane was elected to the Lancaster School Board from the Sixth ward for six years, during a greater part of this time being chairman of the committee on Finance. This position he resigned when he became District Attorney, the offices being incompatible.

Mr. Lane was married, in 1881, to Miss Annie Fulton, a daughter of Jan. and Rosanna Fulton, of Parkesburg, who was principal of the Parkesburg schools at the time of her marriage. Four children were born to this union, two of whom survive: Anna May, of the class of 1902 Millersville State Normal School, who possesses unusual talent, and is a piano pupil of Prof. George Beckert; and James Thomas, a grammar school lad of twelve years, who is also gifted in music, being a violin pupil of Prof. Carl Thorbahn, more extended mention of whom may be found elsewhere.

Mr. Lane is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and was the superintendent of the Sunday-school for nine years. Fraternally he

is a member of Herschel Lodge, No. 123, I. O. O. F., and of Lancaster Council, No. 912, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Lane is a self-made man. He is a genial, kind-hearted gentleman, and his friends in Lancaster county are many, as is evidenced by the support he received when a candidate for political office.

**ABRAHAM MYERS.** The Myers family, which is now scattered until there are members in almost every State of the Union, originated in Switzerland, from which country came John Myers, who founded the American branch of the family, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Taking part in the Revolutionary war, he became thoroughly identified with the progress and development of the United States, particularly Pennsylvania, where he found a comfortable home and a warm welcome from the pioneers who were then settling in the forests of Lancaster county. John Myers settled in Eden township, cleared up a tract of wild land and converted it into a fine estate, leaving a good property to his children, who were: Henry, of Eden township; John, of Eden; Frederick; David; Benjamin, who died in young manhood; Sophia, who died unmarried; Betsey, who married John Fickinger; Susan, who married William Pearson, of Eden; Salie, who married Harry Rowiskey; Mary, who died on the old home place, unmarried; and Jacob, father of Abraham Myers.

Jacob Myers was born in Eden township in March, 1798, and there married Susan McMichael, who was born in 1819. She was a daughter of William and Anna McMichael, the McMichael family being well known in the pioneer annals of the county.

Jacob Myers settled on his father's old homestead after the death of the father, and there lived until his death, in 1879, at the age of eighty years. His twelve children were: Lydia, Malinda, Eliza, and one son died in childhood. Christian, born March 28, 1835, married Miss Ella Pickle, of Lancaster county, and settled on one of his father's farms, where he died in November, 1898, leaving a widow, who resides on the farm with her three children, George, Ada, and Clara. Abraham is mentioned below. Lavina, born at the old home in 1838, is the wife of John Carmahan, of this county, and they reside on his farm in Eden township; their two children are Harry J. and Susan. Benjamin, born in Eden township in 1845, married Mary McElhaney, and they reside on his farm near the old homestead; they have no family. Amanda, born in 1850, is the wife of Wilson W. Jackson, and they reside in Eden township; they have no family. Emeline, born in 1856, is the wife of Sylvester Aulhouse, and they reside on his fine farm in Sadsbury township; their three children are Lydia, Susan and Ruth. Elizabeth, born in 1858, married Lewis Irvin, who resides in Eden township, his farm being located there, and they have three children, Jessie, Charles, and May. Eliza, born in the old homestead, married Christian Mowrer, and they reside on his estate in Colerain





township; their four children are Ida, Amanda, John and Chester.

The old homestead was the home of Abraham Myers for some years after his marriage. His education was acquired in the common schools of his district. Reared a farmer boy, he has continued in agricultural pursuits all his life, making farming his life work. On Dec. 22, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Jemima C. E. Herr, daughter of John and Margaret (Ralston) Herr, who was born Jan. 11, 1850, in Eden township, received an excellent common-school education, and by a careful mother was thoroughly instructed in housewifely ways. Her family is prominent in the religious annals of the county and State, as well as in business and social circles.

For four years after his marriage, Mr. Myers and his family lived on the old homestead farm, and then he purchased what is locally known as the John Basler farm, in Eden township, where he and family have resided until the present date (some twenty years). Mr. Myers has done much improving here, in the way of rebuilding, remodeling, and fencing, and has now the satisfaction of owning one of the most attractive, valuable and productive farms in a county which is noted for its handsome homes.

The two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers are: (1) John A., born Oct. 1, 1875, received his primary education in the district schools, and later became an ambitious student in the Millersville Normal School, from which great institution he graduated with honor in the class of 1898; during the next year, at the same institution, he took advanced work in languages and higher mathematics, since which time he has followed the profession of teacher during the winter months, being acceptable through the whole county, where he is considered one of the most promising young men of the community. During the summers he engages in carpenter work, and many of the very attractive and convenient buildings on the home farm are testimonials to his skill in that trade, as well as a number of creditable achievements in the machinist's line; he is now employed as a traveling machinist by the Plano Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, Ill. (2) C. William was born at the old home in December, 1878, also attended the district schools in boyhood, and later became a student in the Millersville Normal School. Both sons reflect great credit upon their parents and their home training, and are respected through the community.

In politics Mr. Myers has been a lifelong Democrat, and his sons are no less staunch in their Democracy, believing the principles advanced by that party to be the best for the country. But Mr. Myers is no politician, and invariably refuses to accept office. Brought up in the Lutheran Church, he has never departed from its teachings. He is well and favorably known throughout his part of the county, and well represents the honorable ancestry from which he sprung. His life has been devoted to the farming interests of the community, his early training on the

pioneer farm giving him a thorough knowledge of methods of work and the possibilities of different kinds of land. As a neighbor and citizen his sterling character has been recognized, and in the highest degree he enjoys the esteem of his loyalty, his neighbors and business associates uniting in their judgment of him as an honest man and a fit representative of the community.

GEORGE R. HEISEY, attorney at law and certified public accountant, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Eli Z. and Annie H. (Reich) Heisey, his parents, were natives of East Donegal township. Eli Z. Heisey was a farmer, and followed that calling until his death, April 2, 1893. Annie H. Heisey, his wife, died June 15, 1898. They were the parents of five children: Eleanor, who died in infancy; George R.; Ethelbert R., teller of the First National Bank of Marietta, Pa.; and Jacob Z. and Annie M., both of whom died in infancy. The paternal grandparents were Christian and Martha (Zigler) Heisey, of East Donegal. The maternal grandparents were Dr. George and Mary (Long) Reich.

George R. Heisey was educated at Schuylkill Seminary, Palms National Business College, and Close & Black's School of Shorthand. He followed the profession of public accounting until April, 1901, when he was admitted to the Lancaster Bar, and has since practiced law. He is the managing director of the Pennsylvania State Building & Loan Association of Lancaster, Pa., and a member of the Pennsylvania State Examining Board of Expert Accountants.

In August, 1891, Mr. Heisey was united in marriage at Marietta with Mary A. Steacy, a daughter of George S. Steacy, who is mentioned below. No children have come to this union. Mr. Heisey is a Republican in politics.

GEORGE S. STEACY, father of Mrs. George R. Heisey, was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, and died in 1874, on his farm in East Donegal township, three miles from Marietta. His parents, John and Sarah Steacy, had eight children, viz.: John, William and Edward, deceased; Sarah, widow of Rev. Mr. Atmore; Grace, Mrs. Connard, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Rev. John Edward; Mary, deceased wife of Rev. Mr. Bishop; and George S.

George S. Steacy was married in Marietta, in 1856, to Miss Margaret A. Stahl, and to this union were born the following named children: Emma, who died young; Mary A., wife of George R. Heisey; William, a carpenter in Fresno, Cal.; and George S., a mechanic in York, Pa. Mrs. Margaret A. (Stahl) Steacy was born in Marietta, daughter of Jacob and Agnes (Park) Stahl, of Lancaster. Jacob Stahl was a lumberman in early and middle life, but lived in retirement in Marietta for many years prior to his death, which took place in 1882, when he was eighty-two years of age; his widow



survived until 1890, dying at the age of eighty-seven. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Stahl was an elder for more than thirty-five years. Their four children were George W., deceased; Mary J., widow of A. N. Cassel, of Marietta; Margaret A., widow of George S. Steacy; and Miranda, wife of J. H. Grove, M. D., of Philadelphia. The grandfather of Mrs. Margaret A. Steacy on the paternal side was John Stahl, of Lancaster, and her maternal grandparents were James and Mark (McWicker) Park, also of this county.

Mr. Steacy was an agriculturist all his days in Conoy township; he was injured while threshing, and the accident resulted in his death. He was a good Christian, and highly respected, although not a member of any church organization. In politics he was a Republican.

AMOS E. BURKHOLDER, a prominent young member of the Lancaster Bar, emanates from parentage influential and widely known in social and professional circles. His ancestors, who were of the Mennonite denomination, came to this country several generations ago, and his grandfather, Christian Burkholder, a farmer by occupation, was born in West Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Ezra Burkholder, father of Amos E., was well-known surveyor, conveyancer, notary public and justice of the peace, and transacted volumes of business of a very important character during his life. He died July 12, 1890. In 1853 he married Annie M. Hoffman, daughter of Christian Hoffman, a merchant of Voganville, Lancaster county, but originally a farmer, and six children comprised their family, five of whom are living: E. H., a surveyor, conveyancer and justice of the peace, of Farmersville, Pa.; Mary, intermarried with V. C. Sheetz; Amanda, intermarried with Oscar Hackman; Frances, intermarried with Joseph K. Tobias; and Amos E.

Amos E. Burkholder, whose name introduces this sketch, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in May, 1866, in West Earl township, Lancaster county. He received his earlier education at the district and select schools of that locality. Later on he finished his studies at Central Pennsylvania College, from which institution he graduated in 1888. Mr. Burkholder taught school from the fall of 1888 up to 1893, in which year he entered the law offices of John E. Malone, Esq., at Lancaster, Pa. In 1896 he was admitted to practice law, and within the prescribed time became a practitioner in the Supreme and Superior courts. He is located at No. 48 North Duke street, Lancaster.

In 1893 Mr. Burkholder was married to Miss Clara E. Bolster, daughter of George Bolster, marble and granite dealer at Ephrata, Pa. A son, Henry Clay, now five years old, and a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, now one year old, have been born to them. The family have their home at the old homestead, occupied by Mr. Burkholder's par-

ents, at Farmersville, Pa., which place Mr. Burkholder has greatly enhanced, modernized and beautified, thus affording comfort to his family. He attends faithfully to his practice in the city, good railroad facilities permitting him to be at his office early in the morning and return in the evening.

Mr. Burkholder is a pronounced Republican, but has never sought party preferment. In 1901 he was appointed prison solicitor. In religious faith he is a member of the German Reformed Church. He is a careful and intelligent counselor, entirely devoted to his profession; has built up a fine clientage, and is popular alike inside and outside the circles of the honorable profession of which he is an honored member.

LEVI SHULTZ, one of the progressive, reliable and representative citizens of Strasburg township, who resides one and one-fourth miles north of Martinsville, was born in West Lampeter township, Jan. 11, 1846. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Marison) Shultz, well-known residents of that township.

Levi Shultz was reared on the home farm, and received his education in the common schools. Until he was thirty years old he remained assisting his father, and at that time he purchased the farm of thirty-five acres which has been his home ever since. Here he carries on general farming, and he has made many valuable improvements which have increased the value of the place very considerably. All of the surroundings denote the presence of an excellent manager, and his is one of the most comfortable and attractive homes of the neighborhood.

In 1876 Mr. Shultz married Miss Hannah Barge, who was born in Strasburg township Jan. 8, 1853, a daughter of the late Witmer Barge. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz are the parents of four children: Lizzie B., wife of Harry Deiter; and Witmer J., Harry B. and Emma Maud, all residing at home. Mr. Shultz is a man of standing in his locality, and both he and his wife, with the two eldest children, belong to the Mennonite Church, where they are valued for their excellent traits of character and have many friends.

SAMUEL U. STOLTZFUS, who is one of the leading and respected citizens of Earl township, and resides on his farm a mile and a half west of New Holland, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Nov. 1, 1851, a son of John and Elizabeth (Umble) Stoltzfus.

John Stoltzfus, now deceased, was born Jan. 13, 1810, a son of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. Leacock was his native township, and there he was reared and educated. Bred to farming, he followed that avocation all his life. After his marriage he came to Earl township, locating near Hinkletown, but later purchased a farm of ninety acres, which lies two miles west of New Holland, and which was his home until his death, March 22, 1897. He was a leading citizen of his day, and a Christian





gentleman of high character and broad spirit. For years he was an active minister in the Amish Church, his work being largely in the lower Mill Creek Congregation, where his Christian example and long devotion to his Master made him a host of friends.

John Stoltzfus was twice married, his first wife, Elizabeth Unble, becoming his bride March 7, 1830. She died Oct. 21, 1853, when forty-two years, six months and nine days old. They had the following family: Anna, who was born March 27, 1831, is the widow of Christian Lapp, of Leacock township; Mary, born April 25, 1832, died unmarried; Jacob, born Sept. 22, 1833, is deceased; John (2), born Sept. 11, 1835, lives in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county; Jonas, born May 19, 1839, lives in Caernarvon township; Fannie, born Sept. 17, 1840, married Henry Fisher, a resident of East Lampeter township; Daniel, born Oct. 29, 1841, is a resident of Chester county; Henry, born Jan. 3, 1843, lived in Chester county until his death in December, 1901; Christian, born Aug. 3, 1845, is a resident of Berks county; Amos, born Nov. 20, 1847, lives in Upper Leacock township; Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1849, married Joel Fisher, of Lancaster township; and Samuel, born Nov. 1, 1851, is a resident of Earl township. The father married for his second wife, Feb. 5, 1857, Elizabeth Nofsinger, who was born Jan. 16, 1820, by whom he had two children: J. Bena, born July 22, 1859, married John B. Schmucker; and Isaac, born Dec. 15, 1861, lives on the old homestead. The parents of the second Mrs. Stoltzfus were Peter and Jacobine (Swartsentauber) Nofsinger, natives of Illbach, Germany. The mother is still living.

Samuel U. Stoltzfus was reared on the paternal farm, and educated in the public schools. When he was only twelve years old he began working for wages, and at twenty-four began farming on his own account, renting a place of ninety-six acres, which he farmed for ten years. At the end of that time he bought thirty acres, a part of his father's farm, which he improved with buildings, and where he made his home for four years, when he bought an 85-acre farm, where he is still to be found. Here he has also made extensive improvements, and is known as a very successful farmer. On his farm Mr. Stoltzfus has a fine stone quarry, and for several years he has been engaged in quarrying and crushing stone. In 1899 he bought an approved stone crushing machine for the highways, and now gives all his time to a very extensive stone business, which he has worked up in the neighborhood.

In 1874 Mr. Stoltzfus was married to Miss Elizabeth Zook, a daughter of Lydia Zook, who was born near Binkley's Bridge, and to them have come seven children: Lydia, the wife of David Beiler, of Bird-in-Hand; Keuben, who married Miss Sarah Renno, and lives in Leacock township; Fannie, at home, as are the other children, Levi, Mary, Annie and Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus are mem-

bers of the Amish Church, and the family are counted among the most worthy and respected citizens of the county.

SIMON SHISSLER, who carries on an extensive retail business as a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster, is one of the most enterprising citizens of that place, both in business and public circles. He has filled numerous positions of trust, with uniform satisfaction to all concerned, and his popularity is the result of faithful service and honest methods in every relation of life.

Mr. Shissler comes of that sturdy German stock to whose characteristic thrift and industry Lancaster county owes its present prosperous condition, and his family has been identified with the county for two hundred years. The Shisslers originally came from Germany, and were devout adherents of the Lutheran Church. John Shissler, grandfather of Simon, was born in Manor township, and died there at a good old age. His wife lived to the age of ninety-eight. Jacob Shissler, father of Simon, was born in Manor township in 1805, and died in Lancaster in 1868. He was a cooper by trade, and built the large distillery near Strasburg. In 1858 he came to Lancaster and took charge of the cooperage owned by Philip Baker, continuing in that employ until his death. Jacob Shissler first married a Miss Miller, by whom he had seven children, five sons and two daughters. Four of the sons served in the Civil war: Jacob was a member of Company I, 70th P. V. I., and met his death while in the service, after fighting bravely for nearly three years. Albert, who belonged to the same company and regiment, was a private; he died in Andersonville prison. Philip and Amos were both members of the 50th Pennsylvania Militia. The former is now a resident of Strasburg, and the latter makes his home near that city. By his second wife, Susan (Snyder), a native of Strasburg, Jacob Shissler had three children: Anna, now Mrs. Binkley, of Philadelphia; Harry, of Lancaster; and Simon, whose name opens this sketch. The mother of these is still living in Lancaster, and though now nearly ninety years of age is vigorous both mentally and physically. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Simon Shissler was born April 16, 1856, in Paradise township, this county, and has lived in Lancaster since he was two years old. His education was received in the public schools. He was only thirteen years old at the time of his father's death, and a year later commenced his apprenticeship to the trade he has followed all his life, becoming a practical cigarmaker under the instruction of John Hull, with whom he remained three years. Later he was in the employ of Albright & Bros. and Metzger & Wiley, until 1885, in which year he received his appointment as letter carrier in the post office department. He served thus four years. In June, 1889, Mr. Shissler embarked in business on his own ac-



count, at No. 52½ North Queen street, where he has ever since remained, and the store is one of the most popular in Lancaster. He has always made a specialty of the finest grades of goods, employing the best workmen obtainable, and the products of his factory, which is located in the rear of his store, are justly celebrated. Fifteen hands are kept busy constantly. Mr. Shissler's standing among business men is unquestionable.

Mr. Shissler has taken a prominent part in the improvement and progress of the city, and he has assisted acceptably in the local civil administration for a number of years. In 1890 he was elected to the city council from the First ward by a good majority, although he is a Democrat, and the ward and city are conceded to be Republican. In 1892 he was elected president of that body by a large majority, and as such served on the Special Water committee, which in 1892 placed in operation the ten-million gallon pumps. The following year he removed to the Fifth ward, of which he has since been a resident. In the spring of 1900 a vacancy occurred on the school board of the ward, and Mr. Shissler was unanimously chosen to the position. His greatest honor from his fellow citizens, however, was received in the spring of 1898, when he was nominated and elected mayor of Lancaster, serving one term in that office. No more convincing evidence of the high esteem in which he is universally held could be given. Mr. Shissler is an ardent worker in the Democratic party, and has served several years as secretary of the City Democratic committee.

In 1879 Mr. Shissler was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Alice Anderson, a native of Warrenton, Va., whose father, Perry Anderson, was engaged in business in that State, retiring after the war and making his home in Lancaster. Three children have blessed this union, Henry, Walter (deceased) and Clyde. The family have a fine home at No. 119 Charlotte street. Mrs. Shissler is an intelligent woman. In religious connection she is a member of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Shissler affiliates with Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Emanuel Lodge, No. 1104, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Knights of Malta; and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

**MARTIN F. WITMER**, a native-born citizen and most respected farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born April 2, 1850, on the homestead on which he still lives, two miles west of Millersville, son of Christian K. and Susan (Funk) Witmer. He acquired his education in the public schools, and continued to assist his father until 1878, when he began operations on his own account, and is now classed among the leading and most progressive agriculturists of Manor township.

On Dec. 5, 1877, Martin F. Witmer married Elizabeth B. Haruish, who was born on Chestnut Hill April 20, 1854, daughter of Levi and Leah (Butt) Haruish, the former of whom died Feb. 12,

1902, aged eighty-five years, five months, ten days, after an illness of nine weeks. This marriage has been blessed with five children, viz.: Leah H., born April 8, 1880; Alice H., Sept. 28, 1881; Levi H., Jan. 4, 1884; Elizabeth H., March 11, 1886; and Simon H., Aug. 20, 1888 (died Oct. 28, 1893). The family worship at the Mennonite Church, are among the most respected residents of Manor township, and their homestead of sixty acres is a model of neatness and comfort.

Abraham Witmer, grandfather of Martin F. Witmer, was also a native of Manor township. He married Maria Kilhoffer, and by her became the father of four children, namely: Jacob, Abraham, Betsey (who was married to Christian Charles), and Christian K., all of whom lived and died in Manor township.

Christian K. Witmer was born in Manor township June 24, 1810, and was reared a farmer. He first married Susan Funk, who bore him two children, Abraham F. and Martin F., both farmers of Manor township. His second marriage was to Elizabeth M. (Kindig) Doerster, daughter of John Kindig, and to this union were born three children, namely: Mary, wife of John Krieder; Fannie; and Lizzie, widow of Aaron Newcomer. Elizabeth M. Witmer died Nov. 7, 1900, aged eighty-two years, twenty-two days; she was sick but one day, having had a stroke of paralysis early in the morning. Christian K. Witmer died July 22, 1902, aged eighty-three years, twenty-seven days. The surviving members of the family are all Mennonites, and as the Witmers are among the oldest residents of the township, they are held in very high esteem by their neighbors.

**DAVID C. HAUCK**. Andrew Hauck, the grandfather of David C., was reared on the line between Bucks and Lancaster counties, and was a laborer in his active years, which were very largely spent in Earl and Salisbury townships. He married Catherine Fiar, and they became the parents of ten children: John, Andrew, William, David, Matthias, Hannah, Barbara, Peggy, Catherine and Mary, all deceased excepting the two last named.

William Hauck, father of David C., was reared to the life of a laborer, and worked among the farmers of Salisbury and Earl townships, owning a small home in the former township. He married Miss Margaret Caffery, a native of Lancaster county, who died about 1890, at the age of sixty-five years. William Hauck died at the age of fifty-six, in 1875. Both were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of eight children: Lucetta (deceased) married Jonathan Wallace; David C. is mentioned below; William died at the age of eighteen years; Catherine (deceased) married Moses Wallace; Henry lives in Salisbury township; Margaret married Harry Griffith, of Paradise township; Milton is a resident of Earl township; Diller is also a resident of Earl township.

David C. Hauck was born Feb. 25, 1845, in Earl





township, and was educated in the local schools. When he was nine years of age he began working out among the farmers, working for wages until he was twenty-five years of age, when he began farming in Paradise township, near Kinzers, renting a farm of eighty-seven acres for five years. At the expiration of that period he bought twenty acres in Leacock township, of J. D. Warfel, which he sold ten years later, to buy eighty-one acres of Abraham Groff, a farm located in the southeastern part of Earl township, where he has made his home since 1885, and is engaged in general farming. In politics he is a Republican, and he has been supervisor of Leacock township for three years.

In December, 1868, Mr. Hauck married Miss Catherine Sweigart, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Barnhart and Julia Ann (Deffenbach) Sweigart, and they have six children: Elizabeth E., wife of Ludwig Pflaumer, a resident of East Earl township; J. H., at home; David F., at home; Ruth Ann; Naomi C.; and Ithamar A. Mr. and Mrs. Hauck are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are numbered among the worthy and respected people of this county.

JOHN F. BALTHASER is one of the prosperous business citizens of Ephrata, being the proprietor of an extensive meat business, dealing in all kinds of fresh and salted meats, and supplying a large territory, with a constantly increasing patronage.

John F. Balthaser was born July 26, 1863, son of Jacob and Lena (Faust) Balthaser, natives of Berks county, where his grandfather, also named Jacob, was an extensive farmer. The father was born in 1839, and married Lena Faust in 1859, and they reared eight children: Howard, born in 1860; John F., born in 1863; Thomas, born in 1866; Franklin, born in 1868; Sallie, born in 1870, who married Alain Baker; Jacob, born in 1873, who lives in Reading; Emma, born in 1875, who married Harvey Noecker; and William, born in 1880, living at home with his father.

John F. Balthaser has had his own way to make in the world. When nine years of age the family removed to Reading, and there he was employed in a brickyard, receiving forty cents a day for the first year, after which he received one dollar per day. At the age of thirteen, during the panic of 1876, he worked for forty cents a day, walking three miles back and forth daily. He received his pay in scrip which was redeemable only at one store, in goods or in cash, at a discount of twenty per cent. At the age of sixteen he entered the brewing business, remaining at same about one year, and then entered a foundry in Reading to become a finished molder. Later he went to Denver, Pa., where he worked at brickmaking for about one year, and then engaged in the butcher business, making a success of it. But seeking a larger field for his business, he removed to Ephrata, Pa., and took in a partner; the firm failed, and Mr. Balthaser lost all he had. In spite

of these drawbacks he started again, and, as he says, having had enough of a partnership business, he first worked for another butcher until he accumulated money enough to buy the first steer in order to start for himself. Ever since, by economy, industry and good management, he has been very successfully engaged in business.

John F. Balthaser was married March 7, 1885, to Miss Mary Baker, a daughter of Isaac and Fannie (Drybread) Eaker, of Lancaster county, and six children have been born to this union: Jacob, July 4, 1886; Harry, July 22, 1888; Edna, May 29, 1889; John Jr., March 14, 1891; Maud, Dec. 10, 1893; and Isaac, April 15, 1896.

Mr. Balthaser has gained the confidence of the public by his invariably honest dealing. His possessions number several nice buildings in the borough, and he stands well as a citizen. For many years he has been a staunch Republican, and has been twice elected a member of the Borough Council. He is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. and with the Sons of America, and in religion is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE LEIBLEY, a well-known resident of Lancaster, living at No. 634 East King street, and who has been in the United States Railway Mail Service for many years, belongs to a very old Lancaster county family, his ancestors having lived here for generations. Indeed, no family name in the region has been more familiar than that of Leibley during the past century. Jacob Leibley, father of George, was one of the pioneer butchers of Lancaster. He entered into rest in 1852, aged sixty-nine years, while the mother, who was Charlotte Miller before marriage, and a native of Lancaster, passed away in 1885, aged seventy-nine years.

George Leibley was born Feb. 12, 1843, on the old family home on South Queen street, where all the members of his family were born. After receiving a partial education in the public schools, he left at an early age, to become a printer's apprentice. He had just finished his apprenticeship when, in 1861, he enlisted as private in the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving over three years. He was detailed from the ranks and made a clerk at Gen. Negley's Division Headquarters, and later was transferred to the commissary department at Gen. George H. Thomas's Headquarters, Army of the Cumberland. His service ended, Mr. Leibley again went to printing, but was soon appointed a route agent on the Pennsylvania railroad. After continuing thus two years he left that service, and soon afterward was appointed clerk in the House of Representatives Post Office, Washington, D. C., serving there for two sessions, having been appointed to that position by Thaddeus Stevens, then member of Congress from this district. In 1889 Mr. Leibley was re-appointed to the United States Mail Service, in which he still remains, running from New York City to Pittsburg.





On May 19, 1866, Mr. Leibley was married to Miss Mary Clara McCarter, daughter of the late Arthur McCarter, of Norristown, Pa., and niece of the late Col. James McCarter, a veteran of the Civil war, and who was a clergyman, having ministered for a time to the people of the First M. E. Church, of Lancaster, the older members of which still hold him in loving remembrance. To Mr. and Mrs. Leibley have come seven children, one of whom died in infancy. Blanche, who was the wife of William D. D. Long, entered into rest June 17, 1898, leaving two children, one a boy babe only a day old, who has ever since been a member of the household of his grandfather, George Leibley. The surviving children are Arthur, who is employed at John Wanamaker's, Philadelphia; Mildred, wife of C. J. Rhen, of the firm of Rhen & Reese, job printers on North Queen street; Katharine, at home; Albert, in the jewel setting department of the Hamilton Watch Factory; and Harold, at school.

Mr. Leibley is a Lutheran in his religious faith, and the only organization to which he belongs is that of the Railway Mail Service Relief Associations. Of genial, generous nature, possessing fine conversational powers, Mr. Leibley is a most companionable gentleman, and the regret is that owing to the responsible duties which call him from home so much of his time his fellow-citizens see so little of him.

**WILLIAM C. WHITESIDE.** The commercial life of Tayloria, Lancaster county, is well represented by William C. Whiteside, the well-known merchant and justice of the peace, who was born in Colerain township, May 6, 1866, a son of James and Elizabeth (Irwin) Whiteside, also of Colerain township.

James Whiteside was born in November, 1825, and died in 1893, being a son of Robert Whiteside, who came from Ireland to Lancaster county, about one hundred years ago, settling in Colerain township, where he lived and died. He was the father of four children: Samuel, Robert, John and James, all now deceased. About 1857, James married Elizabeth Irwin, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Irwin, of Chester county. This marriage was blessed with five children: John W., of Colerain township; J. Charles; Samuel P., of Colerain township, all farmers; William C.; and one now deceased. During his lifetime, James Whiteside was among the highly respected citizens of the township, and at the time of his death, he owned four fine farms.

William C. Whiteside was reared upon his father's farm, and received his education first in the district schools and later in the excellent academy of Colerain township. In 1889, he embarked in a general merchandise business at Tayloria, and has continued in this line with marked success, ever since. He served also as postmaster, until his election as justice of the peace in 1894 necessitated his resignation. He discharged the duties of that office to the entire satisfaction of all. In 1894 he was first ap-

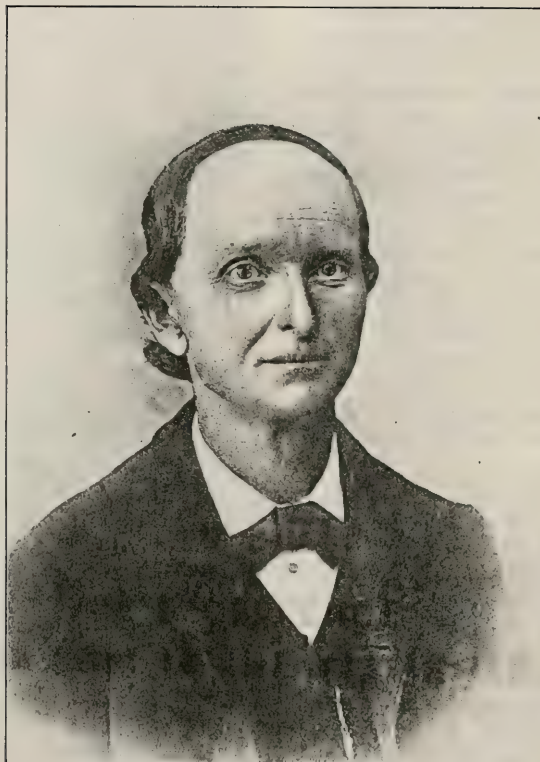
pointed justice of the peace, and having been re-elected, still holds that important office. In politics he is a staunch Democrat in his views. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Whiteside owns one-quarter interest in a fine farm of 183 acres, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of the township. The stock carried in his store is thoroughly modern, well selected, and offered at very low prices, while the service is excellent. Knowing the needs of his customers, Mr. Whiteside is able to cater to them, and as a result enjoys a very large patronage.

On Aug. 29, 1888, Mr. Whiteside was married to Miss Jennie R. Taylor, of Little Britain township, a daughter of B. F. and Ruth (Kirk) Taylor, of Britain township, old settlers of this locality. Her grandfather, Joseph C. Taylor, was a farmer and merchant at Tayloria for many years, and the place was named for this estimable gentleman. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside have had eight children: Violette Ruth, born April 27, 1889; Joseph Taylor, born July 9, 1891; William Clymer, Jr., born Dec. 10, 1893; Edward Craig, born Feb. 6, 1895; Benjamin Franklin, born Nov. 14, 1896; Susanna Jane, born July 20, 1899; Frances Elizabeth, born March 21, 1901; died Sept. 17, 1901; and David Malcolm, born Sept. 6, 1902. Although a young man, Mr. Whiteside has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and is regarded as one of the leaders in local affairs. Genial, open-hearted, generous, beloved in his home and esteemed in the community, his success in life is something of which he may well be proud, although it is but the just reward of his honest efforts.

**HIRAM L. DETWILER,** general farmer and proprietor of a valuable sand pit in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born in York county, Pa., Oct. 6, 1834, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Landis) Detwiler, natives of Lancaster and Chester counties, respectively. In 1837 the parents returned with their children to Lancaster county, settling near Columbia, in West Hempfield township, where the father followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in 1851, when seventy-three years old. The mother survived him until 1890, passing away at the remarkable age of ninety years, a member of the United Brethren Church. Her remains were interred in the Mountville cemetery. To the marriage of Christian and Elizabeth Detwiler were born seven children, namely: Elias, Joseph, Levi, Henry, Jeremiah, Hiram L. and Zachariah, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Hiram L., whose name opens this sketch.

In the city of Lancaster, Pa., in 1859, Hiram L. Detwiler married Elizabeth Kauffman, and to this union were born twelve children, namely: David K., who died at the age of five years, two months, three days; Abraham K., married, and employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia; Mary K., wife of Tobias Shupp, of East





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Hempfield township; Samuel L., married, who is with the railroad company in Lancaster; Elizabeth K., who died young; Daniel K., a machinist in Columbia, married; Isaiah K., at home; Solomon K., married and at home; Horace K., married and at home; Emma K., who died at the age of fourteen years; and Harry K. and Wilson K., at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Kaufman) Detwiler was born in West Hempfield township May 28, 1840, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Roop) Kaufman, of the same township, where he was an extensive farmer and tanner, and a very influential citizen, being a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, and a leader in the Mennonite Church. Jacob Kaufman died in 1805, at the age of eighty-one years, and his widow died at the same age, in 1881; their remains are buried in the Silver Spring cemetery. To Jacob Kaufman and his wife were born seventeen children, of whom seven reached, or nearly reached, mature age: Susannah, widow of Thomas Carter; David, now deceased; Leah, of Mountville, unmarried; Mary, wife of John Puffer, a farmer at Millersville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Detwiler; Samuel, who died in 1900; and Catherine, who died when a young woman. The remaining ten died in infancy.

Hiram L. Detwiler was only in his seventeenth year when his father died, and from that time has taken care of himself, first working four years on a farm for his brother Joseph, and then working for his brother Henry, until 1859, the year of his marriage. He then rented a farm for two years, after which he purchased his present farm of sixty-eight acres, on which he has a valuable sand pit, as has been intimated. He has recently made some changes in the operation of his sand pit, a corporation having been formed, which continued operations under the name of the Detwiler Sand Company. Mr. Detwiler is also interested to a limited extent in sundry gold and silver mines at Breckenridge, Summit Co., Colo., in partnership with his nephews, but it will require some little time as yet to develop them. In politics Mr. Detwiler is a Democrat.

MICHAEL F. BOWERS is a citizen of Lancaster who has risen from comparative obscurity to a high place in the public esteem. He is extensively engaged in general house painting and decorating, and is identified with some of the most ambitious undertakings in that line in his part of the county.

Mr. Bowers was born in East Lampeter, this county, April 6, 1857, of stanch Teutonic ancestry. His parents, John and Maria M. (Arnold) Bowers, were born in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1847. John Bowers settled in Lampeter township, where he engaged in farming for some years, afterward working in the cotton mills of Lancaster. For ten years he was employed by the city, and in 1895, he retired from active life, taking up his residence with his son, Michael F., in 1900. He was born in 1820, and is therefore eighty-two years of age, yet he possesses unimpaired many of his best

faculties. He is a Catholic in religious belief, and a member of St. Peter's Society. Mrs. Bowers died in 1874, at the age of forty-nine, and is buried in the cemetery of Zion Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers were the parents of the following children: John C., deceased; Margaret, deceased; Frederick, an ice merchant of Lancaster; Conrad A., engineer of the Lancaster city water works; Michael F.; Elizabeth, deceased; Ernest C., a cigar manufacturer of East Petersburg, Pa.; Jacob A.; William, deceased; and Albert, deceased.

Michael F. Bowers was reared on the paternal farm, attending the district schools of his neighborhood. When eighteen years of age he left the home place and lived for a year in Lancaster, where he found employment in a furniture factory and learned the trade of painter. This peaceful occupation was interrupted by his enlistment in the regular United States army for five years, during which service he was stationed on Davids Island, New York harbor, for two years, was assigned later to Co. D, 20th Infantry, Col. E. S. Otis commanding, at Fort Brown, Texas, where he remained for a year, and was then at Fort Dodge, Kans., for six months. At Fort Reno, Indian Territory, Mr. Bowers was discharged in October, 1883. He rose to the rank of first sergeant, an office maintained during the last two years of his service. This military experience was augmented by his service from 1884 to 1887 as captain of Co. C, 8th regiment, P. N. G., from which he resigned to engage in painting for the railroad. He also commanded Lancaster Commandery No. 77, M. B. K. G. E., during the years intervening between 1892 and 1900.

After his five years of service with the United States army Mr. Bowers returned to Lancaster and resumed his association with the furniture company for a couple of years, and for the following seven years was employed as painter by the Pennsylvania Railway Company. In 1891 he started in business for himself as a painter and decorator, and the wisdom of this departure has been repeatedly demonstrated in the meantime, for he has a large patronage, and thoroughly understands the highest tenets of his interesting and constantly improving occupation.

Mr. Bowers married Cecelia M. Dinkleberg, a native of Lancaster, born in August, 1861, daughter of Philip Dinkleberg. Mr. Dinkleberg was born in Germany, as was also his wife, and both came to America when children. He was a prominent contractor in Lancaster, and erected some of the most pretentious buildings there, including the Farmers' National Bank, the Fulton National Bank, Zion Lutheran Church, Trinity chapel, and the steeple of the Presbyterian Church, besides other structures of equal importance in the growth of the city.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have been born three children: Albert G. and Florence C., both attending high school; and Maria M., in the grammar school. Mr. Bowers is associated with the F. & A. M., Lodge



No. 43; the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 68; and the K. of G. E., Castle No. 202. In October, 1899, he became a member of the Master House Painters and Decorators Association of Pennsylvania, and is a member of the executive board. In September, 1902, he organized the prominent master painters of his city into a local association, of which he was elected first secretary. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and politically is an independent Republican.

JOHN H. GAMBER was, like many other old residents of Manor township, Lancaster county, born at the homestead which has been the residence of his family for many generations, and in which both his grandfather and his father first saw the light of day. He is a son of John L. and Fannie D. (Herr) Gamber, and a grandson of Rudolph and Mary (Landis) Gamber. The family are Mennonites in religious faith, and in politics both John H. Gamber and his father have been staunch Republicans.

John L. Gamber was a farmer, as is also his son, John H. His wife, who is a daughter of David S. and Elizabeth (Dentlinger) Herr, survives him, making her home with her son, John. Four children were born to them, of whom John H. is the third; of the others, Alice is the wife of Benjamin Stauffer, of Manor township; Fannie married John S. Heller, a farmer of East Hempfield township; David H. died in boyhood.

John H. Gamber was born Sept. 5, 1866, received a good common-school education, and upon the death of his father succeeded to the management of the home farm. In 1893, in company with John D. Herr, he began buying and packing tobacco, having the same packed near Mountville, and the business has steadily grown and prospered. In 1899 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Gamber now carrying on the business on his own account. During three years, also, he and Mr. Herr were interested in operating a mill and grain warehouse near Mountville. Mr. Gamber's present tobacco warehouse covers a site of 80 by 36 feet, and is three and a half stories in height. He also has other interests there, being a stockholder and director in the Mountville National Bank, as well as a stockholder in several of the Lancaster banks. His farm embraces nearly ninety acres, and is one of the best managed in the county.

Mr. Gamber has been largely the architect of his own fortune. He is a young man of broad, progressive ideas, keen intelligence, quick perception and tireless energy, and for such men there is no such word as fail.

EMANUEL SHELLY, a general farmer of Rapho township, was born in the same township, Aug. 1, 1844, son of Samuel and Mariah (Ager) Shelly, of Rapho township.

Samuel Shelly, the father, died in 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried on his old farm; his widow still resides in the township, where she

was born in 1810. Mrs. Shelly is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, of which denomination Mr. Shelly was also a member during his lifetime. There were born to them the following children: Isaac, a retired farmer living in Rapho township; Samuel A., a farmer of Rapho township; Aaron; Anna; Mariah; and Emanuel.

In October, 1860, at Mt. Joy, Emanuel Shelly was married to Miss Anna Shearer. There have been born to this couple the following children: Samuel S., of Rapho township; Anna S., wife of Aaron Peters, a farmer of Rapho township; Nathan S., at home; Amos S.; Emma S.; Mariah S.; Emanuel S., deceased; Ephraim S.; Harvey S.; Lizzie S.; Minnie S.; and Emma S., deceased.

Mrs. Anna (Shearer) Shelly was born Aug. 7, 1840, in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Witmer) Shearer, of Mt. Joy township. Her mother died in 1857, at the age of thirty-nine years, while her father still resides on the family farm retired from the active duties of life. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shearer the following children: Barbara, deceased wife of Henry Ginder; John W., a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Anna W., wife of Emanuel Shelly; Michael W., a Donegal township farmer; and Lizzie W., wife of Amos Heisey, of Mt. Joy township. Samuel Shearer married Miss Anna Herr for his second wife, and this union resulted in the following named children: Samuel H., a farmer of Mt. Joy; Amos H., a Mt. Joy farmer; Katie H., wife of George Hossler, a farmer at Bellaire, Pa. Mrs. Shelly's paternal grandfather's name was John Shearer, of Lancaster county.

Emanuel Shelly remained at home with his parents, gaining, in the meanwhile, an education in the common schools, until the time of his marriage, when he moved to his present home. He and his family are members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and are prominent in the social circles of the vicinity. Mr. Shelly has been frugal and careful in his habits and business transactions, and as a result has acquired a fine competency. Respected by all who know him, life has many pleasant phases for his contemplation.

THOMAS EVANS SIGLE was born in Upper Leacock township, July 6, 1848, and died Feb. 5, 1898. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with the Leacock Church. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Evans) Sigle, of Lancaster county.

John Sigle was an undertaker in Upper Leacock township, and is now living in Bird-in-Hand, Pa., where he leads a retired life. He was born in November, 1822, and his second wife is still living. Mr. Sigle is the father of the following children: Thomas E. and George, both of whom are deceased; Robert C., a plumber and tinsmith in Camden, N. J.; John, deceased; Miss Celesta, who makes her home with her parents; Agnes, who married John Bohn, of Philadelphia; Anna, who married George Han-





bright, a ticket agent in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lancaster; and Elizabeth, who died young.

Thomas E. Sigle was married Nov. 23, 1871, in New Holland, Pa., to Barbara Ranck. To this union were born: Mary E., who married Elmer Groff, a carpenter of Upper Leacock township, and is the mother of three children: Miss Anna R.; Celesta; Robert; and John R., at home. Mrs. Barbara (Ranck) Sigle was born in Leacock township, Dec. 28, 1843, and is a sister of Adam M. Ranck, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Sigle came to the farm occupied by his family in February, 1877, moving from a farm in Paradise township. Until his marriage his home was with his parents. After his marriage he worked in a mill near Willowstreet two years, and was at work on a farm in Paradise township two years. At the expiration of that period he settled on the farm where his family is found today, and where his life was spent. Mr. Sigle belonged to the Presbyterian Church. In his politics he was a Democrat. For some three years before his death he bought tobacco in connection with his farming, and was a popular and successful tradesman.

**WALTER SCOTT BRENHOLTZ, M. D.** Among the well-known citizens of Lancaster is Dr. Walter Scott Brenholtz, a physician and surgeon who, for the past five years, has been established in his comfortable offices at No. 36 East Walnut street, that city.

Dr. Brenholtz requires no ancestral stock to support his claims to eminence, nevertheless he has it. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Brenholtz, although born in Germany, was an American patriot in the war of the Revolution, giving up his life for his adopted country at the battle of Brandywine.

Great-grandfather John Brenholtz was born in Chester county, where the family had been located, and Henry Brenholtz, the Doctor's grandfather, was a resident of and died in Hughesville, Lycoming county. Isaac John Brenholtz, son of Henry, and father of Dr. Brenholtz, was a native of Hughesville, Pa., where for many years he has been a hardware merchant. He married Miss Fanny Springer, daughter of Christian Springer, of Muncy Valley, in Lycoming county, and two children were born to this union: Miss Anna, at home; and Dr. Walter S., of Lancaster.

Walter Scott Brenholtz was born in Hughesville Nov. 20, 1867, and acquired his preparatory education in the public schools of his district, going then to Gettysburg College, and later to the University of Pennsylvania, from which great institution he graduated in 1892. Dr. Brenholtz began the practice of his profession in Columbia, where he remained five years, and then took a post-graduate course in the Ear, Nose and Throat, at the Polyclinic Hospital, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Brenholtz located in Lancaster Feb. 1, 1898.

He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Columbia, the Lancaster City Pathological Society, and also of the State and American, or National, Medical Societies. In 1893 he was a delegate to the State Medical Society, and in 1897 to the National Medical Society. Dr. Brenholtz enjoys also the distinction of being a member of the medical staff of the General Hospital in Lancaster.

Dr. Brenholtz was married in 1893, to Miss Mary Alta Metzger, a daughter of Dr. G. W. Metzger, of Hughesville, brother of the late distinguished Judge Metzger, of Lycoming county. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Brenholtz, Fanny Rebecca, Anna and Mary Metzger, all bright and unusually attractive little ones.

Religiously Dr. Brenholtz is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he is a deacon, and where he is the teacher of the Young Men's Bible class. Socially and professionally he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

**SAMUEL CAMPBELL.** It is but natural that Samuel Campbell should choose an active vocation, for he comes of an ancestry who were prominent men and women, and whose lives were filled with public and business achievements. Mr. Campbell is engaged in the livery and feed stable business, operates a mail route, and has engaged extensively in detective work. He is a native of Columbia, where he was born Aug. 25, 1851, son of George K. and Julia (Lloyd) Campbell.

James Campbell, his paternal great-grandfather, was a native of the south of Ireland, emigrated to America, and located in Lancaster county. He married Emma Boggs, of Columbia, and both are buried at Lancaster.

William Campbell, the grandfather of Samuel, was born in 1809. He married Sarah Krumloff, of Norristown, Pa., and in 1836 settled at Columbia, where he followed the business of a merchant tailor until his death, in 1840, at the age of thirty-one years. His wife died in 1848. Their children were: George K.; John, who died young; Mary, who married Samuel Bennett, a railroad engineer, and died in Philadelphia, in 1878; Cyrus, who died young; Reuben, who died young; Emma, wife of Henry Fisher, retired, of Lancaster; and David, a farmer of Lancaster.

George K. Campbell, father of Samuel, was born in Norristown, Pa., Sept. 15, 1828. When eight years of age he came to Columbia with his parents, and remained a resident of that borough until his death. When a youth he acquired a knowledge of the tanner's and currier's trade, and was a little later connected with shipbuilding. But the activity of railroad work attracted him. He was yard engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for forty-seven years, and spent the last year of his life in deserved retirement from active duties. In religious faith he was a member of the United Brethren





Church, and in politics a Republican. In November, 1850, Mr. Campbell married Julia Anna Lloyd, who was born at Penn's Grove, near Philadelphia, March 20, 1833, daughter of Capt. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd. Capt. John B. Lloyd was a sea captain, the son of John and Charlotte (Church) Lloyd, Quakers, of Churchtown, Pa., where they remained through life. Julia Bennett, wife of Capt. John B. Lloyd, was the daughter of John and Rachel (Keller) Bennett, natives of England and Ireland, respectively, who were married in Berks county, Pa. They had emigrated to America at the ages of eighteen and fifteen years, respectively, and John Bennett served in the Revolutionary army under LaFayette. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd were married in Columbia in 1824, and three months later returned to Philadelphia, the wife's former home. He died in 1877, aged seventy-five years, and she passed away in February, 1857, aged fifty-one years. The children of Capt. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd were as follows: Elizabeth, wife of David Bird, of Philadelphia; Isaac; Nathan; John; Julia A., Mrs. Campbell; Thomas; James; Charlotte; Rachel; Jacob G.; Mary C.; Charles; and Jane A. All are deceased except Elizabeth, Julia A., James and Jane A. James, who served in the army, is now a carpenter at Philadelphia. Charles was a bugler during the Civil war, and was among the missing.

To George K. and Julia Anna (Lloyd) Campbell were born nine children, namely: Samuel, whose sketch appears below; Melvina, wife of Joseph Cooper, a railroad engineer of Columbia, Pa.; Lloyd James, who died at the age of ten years; Sarah A., who married Dr. Samuel Roberts, a veteran of the Civil war, and who died in 1895; Elizabeth, wife of Tyson Simpson, a railroad conductor of Columbia; Minnie, who married Thomas Bennett, a seaman of Tampa, Fla.; Emma and Maggie, twins, the latter the wife of John F. McGee, a furniture merchant of Columbia, the former the wife of Stephen Baker, a railroad engineer of Columbia; and Ida M., who died young. George K. Campbell, the father, died Dec. 12, 1893, aged seventy years; his widow survives, a resident of Columbia.

Samuel Campbell has always made Columbia his home. Of an active temperament, he has traveled greatly as a dealer in horses, wagons, etc., and also in his extensive detective work, which he has followed for the past twenty years. In 1879 he embarked in the livery business, which he has continued uninterruptedly ever since.

Mr. Campbell married at Columbia, in August, 1870, Caroline Glosser, who was born in Columbia in February, 1852, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Glosser, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and settled at Columbia. Andrew Glosser was a railroad engineer and was killed while on duty on his engine. To Samuel and Caroline Campbell were born two children: Charles and William. The latter died at the age of one year. Charles married

Ada McCann, and to them have been born two daughters. Caroline and Mabel.

Samuel Campbell is a man of much force of character, a good business man, and his integrity is unimpeachable. He has strict regard for his word, and accordingly is very popular and is held in high respect by all who know him, enjoying the complete confidence of his fellow citizens. For the past eighteen years he has served as constable. Prominent in fraternal and social orders, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Home Circle Lodge, the National A. I. Co., of New York, etc. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious preference has been a constant attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is remarkably well informed, and has a most excellent library.

DAVID LINCOLN HARNISH, the pioneer paint manufacturer of Lancaster, and one of the pioneer paint dealers of the city, belongs to one of the old and reputable families of Lancaster county. The old sandstone house in which his mother was born, in West Lampeter township, was the home of many generations of his maternal progenitors, and is one of the old and historic buildings of the county, having been frequently selected for illustrations in historical publications.

Michael Harnish, grandfather of David L., was a farmer in Conestoga township. His son, D. W. Harnish, father of David L., is a retired farmer, and is still living, having a cosy and attractive home at No. 131 East Walnut street, Lancaster. D. W. Harnish married Miss Barbara K. Mylin, a daughter of one of the best known farmers of West Lampeter township, and they had six children, four of whom are living: David Lincoln; Michael, a farmer on the old home farm in West Lampeter township; Harry, a traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe house; and Martin, a lawyer, who has associated himself with William R. Harnish.

David L. Harnish was born on the old homestead in West Lampeter in August, 1861, and, receiving his education in the home district, left school at the age of eighteen years, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one. At that time he made a change in his life, becoming a clerk in the store of Marshall & Rengiers, of Lancaster, and later went to Newark, Del., where he had a good position as clerk in a store.

In June, 1885, Mr. Harnish struck out for himself, setting up a paint store in Lancaster, at Nos. 5 and 7 South Queen street. His beginning was modest, and made with misgivings, but there was something attractive in his way of doing business, and his trade quickly outgrew the limited quarters in which he had begun. In 1896 he moved to Centre Square and South Queen street. Meanwhile he had established an extensive paint factory on Charlotte street. The business still continued to prosper and increase, and in October, 1900, Mr. Harnish made a



second move, this time to No. 235 North Prince street, which property he purchased, there building a factory and store-room. The dimensions of this building, which is of brick, are 40x145 feet, and it is three stories high. The leading paint which he puts on the market is the "Lancaster Ready-Mixed Paint," which is sold extensively throughout Pennsylvania and the neighboring States. The house carries paints, oils, varnishes, glass, brushes, cement, etc., and so popular are their brushes that they have been shipped as far as New Mexico. The concern is one of the largest and most important of the kind in the State, and Mr. Harnish has the very highest standing in the commercial world.

Mr. Harnish married Miss Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Elias Brown, a retired merchant of Stevens, Lancaster county, who is now living in one of the two handsome houses which he has erected on the Philadelphia turnpike, opposite the Lancaster County Hospital, Mr. Harnish living in the other. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harnish three children have been born: Raymond B., David Paul and Anna B.

Mr. Harnish has behind him a long line of Menonite ancestors in both maternal and paternal lines, and his relatives, with those of his wife, constitute a very large and influential circle. Mr. Harnish is a Republican politically, but his business and church command all his attention.

**JACOB BETZ**, a prosperous farmer and quarry owner of the city of Lancaster, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1836, son of Jacob and Catherine (Meisel) Betz.

**JACOB BETZ, SR.**, the father, now deceased, was a prominent business man of Lancaster, and passed away May 14, 1900. He was born Dec. 4, 1822, in Rheinbaern, Germany, son of Jacob and Magdalena (Huhn) Betz, natives of Dressen, Germany. The grandfather, also named Jacob, died in his native land, and the grandmother came to America about 1846. Jacob Betz, Sr., emigrated to America in 1842, settling in Manheim township, and later removing into the city of Lancaster. At first he was engaged in the dairy business and farming, but soon became interested in quarrying stone and sand for building and furnace purposes, having delivered stone for many years for Mr. Geiger, at the Lancaster furnace, and later for Peacock & Thomas. In 1859 he moved to Lancaster, and he had sand pits on Rockland and Ann streets, which are worked now by his son. He also had a pit in East Lampeter township. For many years he supplied the car shops at Altoona with all the core sand used. In addition to quarrying stone, Mr. Betz also took contracts for hauling it, and during his active business career, was a prominent factor in the commercial life of the city, by his enterprise and industry building up a fine business. In 1881 he moved to Lancaster township, where he remained up to the time of his death, on his farm of thirty acres near City Mill.

In 1889 Mr. Betz retired from business in favor of his son Jacob. Besides his large quarry business Mr. Betz, at the time of his death, was the owner of some forty new houses and a large tract of unimproved land in the Seventh ward, Lancaster; one tract of unimproved land in East Lampeter township; the farm in Lancaster township where he died, and had large amounts invested in bonds, stocks and mortgages. After his retirement Mr. Betz devoted the greater portion of his attention toward the building of houses for investments. During a long and useful life he was a consistent member of Zion Lutheran Church. In political matters he was a Democrat, but never desired nor sought office.

On April 19, 1851, Mr. Betz was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Catherine Meisel, and the following children were born to this union: Peter died at the age of three years; Mary died at the age of eighteen months; Jacob is mentioned below; Catherine married Charles Beidel, of Lancaster; Elizabeth married Mark Keepert, a jeweler of Reading. Mrs. Betz was born at Gelthcim, Germany, Aug. 9, 1825, daughter of Nicholas and Barbara (Meiselin) Meisel, of Germany. Nicholas Meisel was a farmer in his native land, where he died in 1830, at the age of thirty years, while his wife died in 1835, at the age of thirty-two. They had two children: Christina, who died at the age of thirty-five years, married Fred Nevis, and he died in New Jersey. Catherine came to America in 1847, making the trip one year after her sister, and taking forty-five days in the journey; she settled in Lancaster. Mrs. Betz is very well preserved, and is cheered by her children's love and devotion after her life of hard work.

Jacob Betz, Jr., was reared upon the farm, receiving an education in the English and German branches at Zion Lutheran Church School. In 1871, he left school (at the age of fourteen years) and commenced to work with his father, whom he assisted on the farm and in the sand and stone business until 1889, when the father, retiring, left all the business to him. He has continued to deliver and ship core sand to many foundries, also building sand and stone, and he is the executor of his father's estate, which he oversees and manages for the heirs. Mr. Betz owns a large number of building lots in Lancaster, on which he has built some twenty new houses, and also has four acres within the city limits.

In March, 1889, Mr. Betz was married, in Lancaster, to Elmira Throne, and the following children have come to their marriage: Jacob, born in December, 1898; Clarence, born in March, 1891; Catherine, born in December, 1892; Luther, born in November, 1894; and Paul, who died in March, 1897. Mrs. Betz was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1856, daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Smith) Throne, the former of whom was a blacksmith of Pennsylvania. In politics Mr. Betz is independent, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems best fitted for the office in question. He and his family are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. Through





industry and thrift Mr. Betz has gained a comfortable fortune, and his property is steadily increasing in value on account of its location. Mr. Betz commands the confidence and respect of the entire community, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

**ALBERT A. MANNING**, the well-known postmaster and merchant of Highville, Lancaster county, was born at that place July 29, 1850, and is a representative of one of the old and highly respected families of the county.

When a lad of possibly fifteen years his grandfather, John Manning, a native of England, was sent to sea for the purpose of learning the art of sailing by his father, a man of some prominence and distinction in England. The boy was apprenticed to the captain of a sailing vessel, who proved to be a rascal, for upon reaching the port of Philadelphia he deliberately sold the boy to a farmer until he should attain his majority. He thus became the founder of the Manning family in Lancaster county, Pa., as it was here he was brought and served out his time to his master. After securing his freedom he decided to remain here, and purchased 160 acres of land from William Penn, in Manor township, on the road between Highville and Creswell, which land he cleared, making his home there until his death. Throughout his active business life he engaged in farming, but after arriving at old age he divided his property, giving each of his sons twenty acres. He was almost eighty years of age at the time of his death. He was twice married, and had children by both unions, his family including Joseph, Thomas, Jacob, William and Samuel.

Joseph Manning, a son by the second marriage, and the grandfather of Albert A., was born and reared on the old homestead in Manor township, and to the twenty acres of land given him by his father he added by purchase another twenty acres, making a good farm of forty acres, where he spent his entire life, dying at the age of sixty-four years. He married Verona Kendig, and they had eight children: Mary, deceased wife of Joseph Butt; Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Fry; Christian and John, who both died in Indiana; Fannie, deceased wife of Samuel Fry; Nancy, deceased wife of Henry Breneman; Susannah, who died in childhood; and Martin K., father of Albert A.

Martin K. Manning, the only one of the family now living, was born April 13, 1822, and grew to manhood on the home farm. During the greater part of his life he has followed fence building and post making, and owns a small tract of seven acres of land in Manor township, where he lives. In politics he is a Republican. In 1844 he was married to Catharine Ament, a daughter of George Ament, and of the eight children born to this worthy couple Sarah is now the wife of Cyrus Guntner, of Manor township; Henry and Isaiah both died in infancy; Elias died at the age of nineteen years; Delilah died

in infancy; Fannie died in childhood; Catharine died in infancy; and Albert A. completes the family.

Albert A. Manning is indebted to the public schools of Manor township for his educational advantages. He remained on the home farm until he attained his majority, when he was married, April 11, 1878, to Miss Amanda Nicholas, a native of Washington borough, and a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Ostatt) Nicholas. By this union were born six children: Harry N.; Ira, who died in childhood; Titus N. and Bertha, both at home; and Abram and Eleanor, twins, the former at home, the latter deceased.

At the age of eighteen years Mr. Manning commenced learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for seven years, making his home in Highville. He next engaged in threshing for eleven years, and in 1894 succeeded John Ament in the mercantile business at Highville, where he has since successfully carried on operations along that line. After locating here he was made assistant postmaster, and on the death of his father-in-law, Leonard Nicholas, who was serving as postmaster, Mr. Manning was made acting postmaster, serving as such until McKinley was made President, when he was regularly appointed to the office, in 1897. In connection with his mercantile establishment he handles feed, flour, etc., and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. As a business man he is upright, honorable and energetic, and well merits the success that has attended his efforts. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

**HARRY N. MANNING**, eldest son of Albert A., assisted his father in the mercantile business from the age of thirteen years until he was twenty-three. He was always a bright boy and was well liked by the patrons. At the age of twenty-three he accepted a position as salesman with the Steinman Hardware Company, in Lancaster city, where he is engaged at the present time. On Dec. 3, 1902, he married Christina Lefever, of Highville, and they will reside in Lancaster city.

**ELMER M. BRENEMAN**, a well-known resident of Manheim township, has his home on the family estate, just north of the city of Lancaster, and bears an old and honored name. He was born June 29, 1860, son of Adam B. and Mary M. (Myers) Breneman. His father was a son of Adam Breneman, of Turkey Hill, Manor township, was born and reared in Manor township, and became a farmer, locating after his marriage on the farm where the family still reside. His entire attention was given to farming. He was a man honored and respected by his fellow townsmen, and was called to serve on the school board. He married a daughter of Martin M. Myers, of Manheim township, and they became the parents of two children, Elmer M. and Minerva, the latter deceased in childhood. Adam B. Breneman united with the Mennonite Church in 1878, and was a minister in that



Church for thirteen years prior to his death, having charge of the Landis Valley Church. He received ordination from the hands of Bishop Christian Baumbarger in 1885. A devout and zealous minister, he was ever ready for the demands his high office made upon him, and was especially interested in missionary work. He died Feb. 17, 1898, at the age of sixty-three years, and his widow is still living.

Elmer M. Breneman was born and reared in the home where he still resides. He attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, after which he entered H. C. Weidler's Business College, for one year. From that time he remained at home until his father died, when he took charge of the family estate. He has already made himself known as one of the spirited and enterprising young men of his township.

Mr. Breneman was married, in 1892, to Miss Lizzie K. Rupp, who was born April 3, 1868, a daughter of David and Sarah (Kurtz) Rupp, of West Earl township, and to this union has come one child, Adam Roy, born June 21, 1898.

HENRY F. BINKLEY, who ranks high as one of the energetic and thorough-going agriculturists of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born on the old homestead where he now resides, June 7, 1845.

The first of the Binkley family in Lancaster county of whom we have any record was his great-grandfather, Henry Binkley, in 1765, whose parents were probably from Germany and the founders of the family in this country. They were buried in the city of Lancaster.

David Binkley, son of Henry, was left an orphan there when quite small, and in early life learned the millwright's trade, becoming one of the best known representatives of that calling in the county, where he erected a large number of mills. In 1799 he purchased the farm now known as the old Binkley homestead, which consists of seventy-one acres of land and is pleasantly situated on the Little Conestoga, midway between Millersville and Safe Harbor. Here he made his home with his family throughout the remainder of his life, and carried on farming in connection with work at his trade. After his retirement from active life the millwright's business was conducted under his supervision by his son Christian, and his son-in-law, John Herr. He was a leader in the Reformed Mennonite Church, was widely and favorably known, and was called upon to administer many estates. He died Nov. 5, 1845, at the age of seventy-six years, nine months and twenty days, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Yordy, died Sept. 6, 1846, at the age of seventy-seven years, nine months and twenty days. She was a sister of Peter Yordy, a lame man, who owned a farm in the center of what is now known as Lampeter Square, the name of which was derived from Lame Peter, by which epithet he was known. David and Mary

(Yordy) Binkley had five children, namely: (1) David married and had two children, but he and his family died young. (2) Zephaniah is mentioned below. (3) Christian, a millwright and farmer, reared a family near Columbia, in Manor township, and died Dec. 24, 1872. (4) Mary wedded John Herr, and died March 20, 1890, at the age of eighty-nine years. (5) Elizabeth married Jonathan Binkley, and moved to Montgomery county, Ohio.

Zephaniah Binkley, father of Henry F., was born on the old homestead, Dec. 2, 1806, and died March 20, 1880, his remains being interred in the family burying ground on that farm. He adopted agriculture as a life work, and never left the farm where he was born. He married Catharine Frey, a daughter of Peter Frey. She was born Sept. 21, 1808, on a farm embraced within the Indiantown tract, in Manor township. She died Jan. 5, 1875. In the family of Zephaniah and Catharine (Frey) Binkley were nine children, namely: David F. is now living with his son-in-law, John N. Herr, in Manor township; an infant son died Aug. 20, 1828; Magdalena, born March 30, 1830, died Feb. 9, 1831; John has been a minister of the United Brethren Church since 1860, and is now a resident of Lebanon county, Pa.; Christian F. is a resident of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county; Peter died Sept. 21, 1871, at the age of twenty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-one days; Henry F. is mentioned below; Mary is the wife of Simon Reese of Lancaster; and Catharine is the wife of Isaac Keenport of Manor township.

Henry F. Binkley, whose name introduces this review, received a good common-school education, and in the spring of 1873 began farming on his own account, in Providence township, and after the death of his father, returned to the old homestead which he still occupies. He is an enterprising and up-to-date farmer, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party.

On Oct. 29, 1872, Mr. Binkley was united in marriage with Miss Catherine M. Kreider, who was born in West Lampeter township, April 11, 1846, a daughter of John and Leah (Mayer) Kreider. They have a family of three children; Emma K., born April 4, 1874, now the wife of Thaddeus R. Wiker; Jacob K., born Jan. 4, 1876, at home; and Annie K., born Jan. 14, 1879, also at home.

CHARLES A. LOCHER. The death of Charles A. Locher, March 31, 1892, removed from accustomed haunts in Lancaster an honored and prominent citizen, and one who embodied in his character and attainments the nobility of purpose, untiring zeal, and inherent thrift characteristic of the well born and well reared German. He was born about 1834 in Bavaria, Germany, in which country his father, Jacob Locher, was a well-known merchant, and a devout member of the Reformed Church.

In his native land Charles A. Locher learned something of chemistry, and after his removal to the





United States and Lancaster in 1855, secured, through the influence of the druggist, James Smith, a clerical position in the Lancaster County National Bank. At the expiration of ten years, and after the death of Mr. Smith, Mr. Locher assumed charge of his drug store at No. 9 East King street, and continued to guide its affairs with the same discretion and business judgment evinced by its former owner. He possessed more than ordinary intelligence, and a fund of well assimilated knowledge, and a keen insight into human nature suggested an unflinching tact in dealing therewith. He was popular with all classes, and entered heartily and practically into all efforts to improve the general condition of the city, his name being foremost in many projects which else had lost their staunchest support. He was a member of various organizations in the town, and was identified with the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Society.

Mrs. Locher was formerly Margaret Parks, niece of James Smith, former proprietor of the Locher drug store. Mrs. Locher lives in a delightful home in one of the fashionable parts of Lancaster. She holds membership in the Lutheran Church, and her daughter Katherine in the Episcopal. Mr. Locher also left a sister, Caroline, the wife of Major Gen. Frederick Faber, of Munich, Bavaria.

EZRA GROFF, a substantial retired farmer of Upper Leacock township, still resides in the locality of his birth, which took place on Dec. 26, 1849, and he was a son of Samuel G. and Lydia (Hershey) Groff, the former of West Earl township and the latter of Upper Leacock township. The father was a merchant and postmaster at Mascot, Pa., operating a store there for twenty-seven years. From 1873 until his death, in 1891, he lived retired from activity, dying in the latter year at the age of eighty-four years, after a useful life. The death of the mother had occurred years before, in 1866, at the age of fifty-seven years. Their last resting place is on the old Hershey homestead. Mr. Groff was one of the wealthy men of the community, owning three large farms, which are now in the possession of his three sons,—Ezra, Rev. Hershey, and Milton. For many years Mr. Groff faithfully served his school district as director, taking a great interest in educational matters in his locality.

The children born to Samuel G. Groff and wife were: Anna, who married Benjamin Wenger of West Earl township; Mary, who died young; Lydia, who married Jacob Greider, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Martha, who married John Rank, a farmer of Paradise township; Milton, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Elam, who died at the age of nine years; Rev. Hershey, a farmer and also a German Baptist minister, and Ezra, of this sketch.

The fine old farm upon which Ezra Groff of this sketch has resided so many years, has been his home since he was four years old; he retired from active exertion in its cultivation at the marriage of his daughter, when her husband relieved him of duty.

This is considered one of the finest and most modern farms in this locality, the improvements being in excellent shape. Mr. Groff has always been a progressive and intelligent farmer and thoroughly believes in good machinery and the most scientific ways of cultivation, his fertile and productive fields for many years showing the results of his methods.

Mr. Groff was married on Nov. 28, 1873, in Lancaster to Miss Matilda Leman, and the daughter born to this union was Lizzie L., who married Aaron L. Groff, their one child, Ralph, dying in infancy. Politically Mr. Groff belongs to the Republican party, and both he and family are connected with the Mennonite Church, where they are highly esteemed.

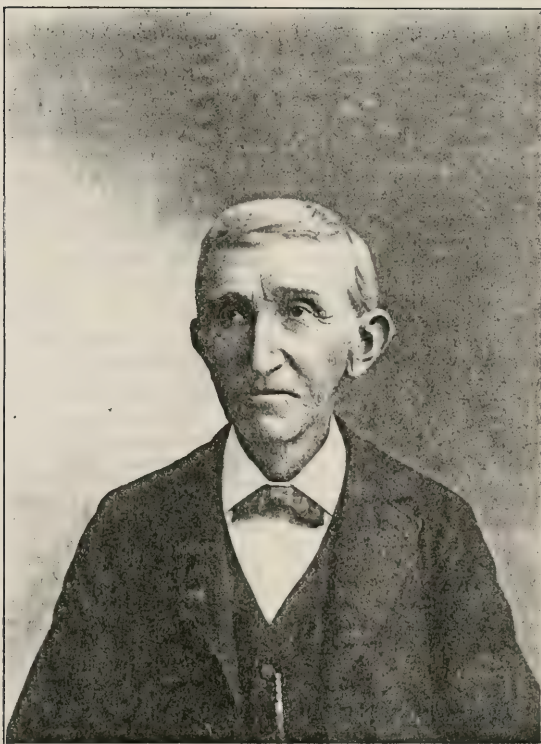
JOSEPH DETWILER. Prominent among the substantial and influential farmers of Mt. Joy, now living somewhat retired from active life, is Joseph Detwiler, one of the most esteemed citizens of his part of Lancaster county.

Joseph Detwiler was born April 1, 1820, in West Hemphill township, son of Joseph and Susan (Garber) Detwiler, the former of Lancaster county, and the latter of York county. From Lancaster Joseph Detwiler, Sr., moved to York county in 1825, settling on a farm near Wrightsville, and there engaged in farming. His death occurred April 30, 1870, when he was aged eighty-one; his wife died the previous August, and both were buried in the Wrightsville cemetery. During his long life Mr. Detwiler had been prominent in public affairs, was supervisor, and for the same length of time was the efficient county commissioner, while for a number of years he was the manager of the Wrightsville pike; at his death this latter office was placed in the hands of his son David. Joseph Detwiler, Sr., was an extensive farmer, owning two farms in York county and one in Lancaster county. His political faith was that of the Democratic party, and in this respect his son Joseph follows his esteemed father's example. The children born to Joseph and Susan Detwiler were as follows: David, who was a farmer and was the manager of the Wrightsville pike and a director in the Wrightsville Bank, died in Wrightsville; Joseph is mentioned below; Daniel is a retired banker of Columbia, Pa.; Miss Susan is a resident of York, Pa.; Solomon died in Columbia, where he was the cashier of the First National Bank; Anna, a resident of York, Pa., is the widow of Abraham Heaston, who was a farmer, miller and well-known distiller (the death of Mr. Heaston took a prominent man from this neighborhood).

In his sixth year Joseph Detwiler, whose name introduces this record, accompanied his parents upon the family's removal to York county, and grew up on the farm which adjoins the town of Wrightsville. In 1849 he moved to a farm in Ralsho township, this county, located one mile north of Mt. Joy, where he remained until 1877, when he took up his residence in that pleasant town. Mr. Detwiler is a man of large means, owning three large, well stocked







*Joseph Detwiler*



farms, two stone quarries, and a lime kiln, which has been operated since 1873, and he also has conducted, in his interest, hay and straw baling and stone crushing. He is also financially interested in the Union National Bank, to which he has given the support of his name as one of its directors, since its organization in 1860.

On Sept. 24, 1844, Mr. Detwiler married Anna Eberly, of Donegal township, and to this marriage the following named children were born: Elmira, who married C. G. Shirk, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Susan, who married Adam B. Bear, a retired farmer of Rohrerstown, this county; Emma, widow of Calvin C. Budding, a lime manufacturer of Wrightsville; William B., the capable manager of his father's interests in farming, stone and lime, who also looks after the other real estate owned by Mr. Detwiler; Eva, who is the widow of Hon. H. H. Heise, of Columbia, Pa., whose sad death in a trolley car wreck, near Chickies Park, on Aug. 9, 1896, caused wide-spread regret; and Alice, who married H. H. Meyers, a farmer, and manager of the Farmers' Creamery Company (he also raises gold fish).

Mrs. Anna (Eberly) Detwiler was born in East Donegal township, and died Feb. 12, 1891; she is buried in Mt. Joy cemetery. Her parents were Henry and Anna (Leib) Eberly, of Mt. Joy township, where the former was a farmer, and for many years president of the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy. His death occurred in February, 1876, when he was aged eighty-one, and his wife passed away from earth in 1870, at the age of sixty-six. Both were leading members of the Evangelical Church, and they were interred in Eberly cemetery, which was a part of his estate. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eberly were: Mary, Anna, Simon, Henry, Christian and Benjamin, all deceased but the last named, who is a hardware merchant in Mt. Joy.

Aside from filling the office of councilman for six years, Mr. Detwiler has refused public office, but he continues to be a busy man, for his active brain will not permit him to entirely lay aside business cares. Possessing much vitality and excellent health, he enjoys overlooking the various lines of work which are performed by younger, but no more capable, instruments. Of his family he has great reason to be proud, all of them occupying honorable positions in the business and social world. He has twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who are the delight of his advancing years.

**DAVID HERR BARTHOLOMEW**, proprietor of the Lancaster Planing Mill Co., and one of the leading business men of Lancaster, has been identified with the industrial interests of that city through his business career, and has been no small factor in the development of many lines of commerce.

Mr. Bartholomew was born Jan. 4, 1848, near Strasburg, Pa., son of Mathew and Hester Ann (Herr) Bartholomew, both of Lancaster county. The father was a millwright and followed that trade

all his life, dying at the age of fifty-seven, in 1863. The mother died in 1851, aged thirty-three. They were laid away in Strasburg cemetery. Their children were as follows: Amanda (deceased) was the wife of Robert E. Bunce; Mary C. married (first) Jonathan Holt, and (second) William Fiechthorn, of Reading; Benjamin F. lives in Lancaster; John died in infancy, and David H. was the youngest.

David Herr Bartholomew had the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of Lancaster, and at the age of seventeen was prepared to enter upon his apprenticeship to the machinist trade. He was employed in a cotton mill in Lancaster for four years, and then embarked in the saw mill business and became a manufacturer of cigar box lumber, associating himself with his uncle, David B. Bartholomew; this partnership continued until the death of the latter, in 1885, when Mr. Bartholomew engaged in the same line upon his own account, and still continues it, at present individually; formerly there were three members of the firm known as the Lancaster Planing Mill Co., David H. Bartholomew, John W. Holman and Frank Spicer, Jr. The first location was across the street from the present site, but in 1896 Mr. Bartholomew sold that and purchased the valuable property and business which he has so ably managed ever since. The large brick structure now occupied was built by the firm of Wilson & Bradbury, in 1870, and covers two acres of ground. It is well equipped, and the establishment gives employment to forty men, the output being sash, doors, blinds and general mill work.

Mr. Bartholomew is an excellent man of business, and thorough in his management of the large concern with which he has so long been identified. Under his ownership the business has been much enlarged, and is now one of the leading lines of industry in the city. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W. and Royal Arcanum. For eight years he served with usefulness in the city council, his administration being honest and clean. Mr. Bartholomew is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1872, in Lancaster, Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Elizabeth Eckman, born in Lancaster, daughter of Henry and Anna (Hoak) Eckman, the former of whom was for many years a shoemaker in Lancaster county. His father was a well-known resident of the county; he was for many years afflicted with blindness, but it is related of him that so thoroughly did he recall localities that he was able not only to harness his horse himself, but to drive without accident to any part of the county he desired. To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have been born the following children: Anna, who died at the age of eight years; David B., who is a carpenter but now is employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, married Alice M. Raub; Miss Mary A., at home; Henry M., who married Hannah Hunter, and is an architect in Lancaster; Miss Amy C., Guy C.,





and Miss Anna E., at home; Elizabeth, who died at the age of six years; Sarah E., at home; John W., who died at the age of six years, and Edith, who died at the age of four years.

JOHN ADLAI CANNON (deceased), of Lancaster, though cut off in the prime of his life, was for a number of years one of the most respected business men in Lancaster, and the establishment which he founded is now being conducted by his widow, who is the only lady embalmer in Lancaster county.

Mr. Cannon was born July 23, 1858, at Wilmington, Del., son of James Cannon, a farmer of Delaware, and came to Lancaster in 1890, locating on West King street. Engaging in business as an undertaker and funeral director, he introduced new methods and features in that line, and as a result of his intelligence and earnest attention to his profession, established a lucrative business. He was a skilled embalmer, a graduate of Clark's College. In 1896 Mr. Cannon bought the grand old dwelling house that had been the home of the late Judge Hayes, at No. 27 South Prince street, and proceeded to remodel it, converting it into two dwelling houses. The porch and entrance which Mr. Cannon built on the portion now occupied by his widow, is one of the handsomest in the city. On Feb. 23, 1897, Mr. Cannon married Miss Amelia Elizabeth Long, further mention of whose family is made below, and two children were born to them: John Paul, now (1903) aged five years; and Mary Amelia, aged three years. Mr. Cannon entered into rest, July 7, 1901, in his forty-fourth year, after a lingering illness, and his widow has bravely taken hold of his business affairs, and endeavors to follow the lines laid down by Mr. Cannon, who always kept abreast with the most advanced methods. The establishment is equipped with the most modern conveniences, telephone, etc.

Taken from life in the midst of his usefulness, no citizen of Lancaster was more deeply regretted or more generally missed. Mr. Cannon was trustee of the St. Vincent de Paul, an association that looks after the poor of the church; a charter member of the Knights of St. Lawrence, of Wilmington, Del.; a member of St. John's, St. Michael's, St. Joseph's, and Leo XIII societies of Lancaster; a member and one of the organizers of Council No. 16, Catholic Benevolent Legion, of Delaware; and in business connection, a member of the State Board of Undertakers, and secretary of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors Association. He was identified with St. Mary's, St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches, for he contributed to and was in fellowship with all of them, but he was a communicant and active member of St. Mary's, was buried from there, and his remains lie in the beautiful St. Mary's cemetery, near those of the lamented Very Reverend Father Bernard Keenan, who was for more than half a century the beloved priest of St. Mary's.

Frederick G. Long, father of Mrs. Cannon, was long a well-known citizen of Lancaster, and entered

into rest in May, 1894, in his seventy-fourth year. He married Miss Mary C. Gegg, of Lancaster, who now makes her home with Mrs. Cannon, and they had twelve children, eight of whom survive, as follows: Louis G., who is a grocer, at Lime and Dauphin streets; Joseph, a tinsmith and plumber, at East Orange and Plum streets; Mary A., wife of John Yeager, a baker of Newark, N. J.; Frank A., a grocer, at East Chestnut and Marshall streets; Amelia Elizabeth, widow of John A. Cannon; Harry A., a salesman in Watt & Shand's New York Store in Lancaster; Albert, a salesman in Wanamaker's, New York City, and Rosa Helen, who makes her home with Mrs. Cannon. No family in the city can boast of members who have led more worthy lives.

MICHAEL P. THOMAS, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born in Columbia, Lancaster county, April 2, 1855, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Shillott) Thomas, of Bavaria, Germany, who were married in Lancaster, Pa., in June, 1854.

Michael Thomas, the father, was born June 28, 1828, in Bavaria, Germany, a carpenter by trade, and, in 1852, came to America and settled in Columbia, where he still lives retired from business. His wife was a sister of Frank Shillott, deceased (a sketch of whose life will be found on another page), and died in 1891, when sixty-five years old, devout in the faith of the Catholic Church. Their children, nine in number, were born in the following order: Frank, died in infancy; Michael P. and Ulrich, twins, of whom the former is the subject proper of this sketch, and the latter died when five years and six months old; Kate, in St. Francis Convent; William, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, also in St. Francis Convent; Charles, a car inspector in Lancaster; Mary, wife of John Haller, of Thurlow, Pa., and Frank (2), a brakeman in Columbia. The paternal grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth Thomas, came to Columbia, Pa., in 1855, from Germany. He was a butcher by trade. Michael was their only child. The maternal grandparents were Frank and Victoria Shillott.

Michael P. Thomas at the age of fourteen years began driving a team, and this was his occupation for three years; he next followed boating on the river, five years, and then for fourteen months was employed as brakeman by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; he then served as fireman for the same company seven years and six months, when he was promoted to engineer.

On Nov. 20, 1884, at York, Pa., Mr. Thomas married Miss Catherine Elsesser, and to this union have been born nine children, as follows: Anastasia, Elizabeth, Alfreda, William, Francis, Anthony, Damian, Agatha and Cuthbert Joseph, the three last named being deceased. Mrs. Catherine (Elsesser) Thomas was born in York county, Nov. 2, 1863, and is a daughter of John and Barbara (Moser) Elsesser, natives of Bavaria, Germany, and York Co., Pa., respectively. John Elsesser was born in 1837, and his



wife in 1835. John came to America in 1847 and for eighteen years conducted a hotel in York county, and is now living in retirement. The children born to John and Barbara Elssesser were named as follows, in order of birth: Mary, married to George Selack, plumber in York county; John, deceased; Catherine; Margaret, wife of John Kaufhold, of Columbia; Albert, George, Charles and Harry, all of York. The family are all pious members of the Catholic Church, to which they contribute liberally of their means in aid of its good work.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Thomas were Conrad and Elizabeth Elssesser, the former of whom died in Germany and the latter in York Co., Pa.; her maternal grandparents, Abraham and Rachel Moser, were natives of Maryland and York Co., Pa., respectively. Both died in York county.

Michael P. Thomas is in religion a true Catholic, and in politics a Democrat. He has led a consistent Christian life, and is greatly respected wherever known.

**WILLIAM H. KENNEDY.** When it comes to a question of prominence, substantiality and high esteem, no citizen of Lancaster county is more justly representative than William H. Kennedy, of Fulton township. A self-made man, schooled in early years to the hard, practical view of life, by the application of those principles of industry and economy which in every age of the world have been rewarded, William H. Kennedy has also won his measure of success.

The birth of William H. Kennedy was on Dec. 13, 1858, in the township of his present residence, and he was a son of John and Elizabeth (James) Kennedy, both also of Fulton township, where John Kennedy was long known as a farmer and also hotel keeper. John Kennedy came of sturdy Irish ancestry, and in his earlier years was engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna river. In his political convictions, he was always identified with the Democratic party, and is remembered as an honorable man and respected citizen. His marriage was to Elizabeth James, and they had a family of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary, who is the wife of W. R. Maxwell, a coach-maker of Fulton township; Hannah, who married William Walker, of Little Britain township; Virginia, who married R. S. Hamilton, of Little Britain township; John O., deceased; William H.; Margaret, who is the wife of J. C. Gorsuch, of Norfolk, Va., and Ida, who is the wife of J. M. Eckert, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

William H. Kennedy had his early rearing on a farm, and until the age of sixteen years, enjoyed the advantages afforded by the public schools. At that age he commenced to learn the cabinet making trade, at Wakefield, Pa., under W. R. Maxwell, but a boyish love of adventure and a desire to see something of the world, led him to remain but a short time here. For a considerable period, Mr. Kennedy traveled over the country, working principally in the various railroad shops, gaining many experiences, but finally

he returned to Fulton township where on Jan. 4, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Hensel, of Drumore township, and the four children born to this marriage were: John Russell, who is now in college; Henry Clay and Bertha M., at home, the other child having died young. Mrs. Kennedy was a daughter of Edwin F. and Mary J. (Moore) Hensel, who were natives of Maryland.

It was in 1885 that Mr. Kennedy embarked in the patent medicine business, in Harrisburg, Pa., a line of activity for which he seemed to be peculiarly well fitted, for fifteen years prospering in this business. Mr. Kennedy is still the proprietor of a large drug house in Harrisburg, and also of one in Reading, Pa., but he makes his home on his fine farm in Fulton township. This estate, both on account of its extent, its cultivation, its location and extensive and elaborate improvements, is one of the most attractive places in southern Lancaster county. His elegant, modern brick mansion, commodious and substantial barns, his sleek cattle and their comfortable housings, all testify to the excellent management of this ideal country home. Mr. Kennedy devotes his time to his interests here, his drug business in Harrisburg being under the efficient management of his brother-in-law, Philip K. Hensel, the firm name being Kennedy & Co., a house which stands high in commercial circles.

Mr. Kennedy is a stanch Democrat, and is liberal in his religious views, adopting no special creed, but he displays in a high degree the manliness of an excellent citizen, and is the promoter of progress and development in his section, the encourager of benevolent and educational enterprises, and the protector of his home and family.

**EBERHART J. LAMPARTER**, for many years associated with the commercial activity of the flourishing city of Lancaster, Pa., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 6, 1846, a son of Eberhart and Elizabeth (Hélp) Lamparter, natives of the same locality.

Eberhart Lamparter, the father, came to America in 1853, and located in Lancaster, where he embarked in the manufacture of glue, and continued in the same line until his death. From a small beginning, he increased his facilities and the capacity of his plant, to meet the demands of his constantly growing trade, until his house ranked among the foremost of its kind in the county. His death occurred in 1869, when he was sixty-one years of age, and his wife survived until 1898, when her death took place at the age of eighty-eight years. This couple, who are buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, were the parents of the following children: George, engaged in manufacturing glue at the old factory; Jacob J., retired glue manufacturer, large landowner and real estate dealer of Lancaster; Elizabeth, unmarried and living in Washington, D. C.; Amelia, deceased at the age of fifty years; Pauline, unmarried and living in Lancaster; Judith, Mrs. Bauer, a





widow, of Lancaster: Eberhart J.; Henry, deceased, and Sabina, deceased, married a Mr. Mertz.

Eberhart J. Lamparter of Lancaster, was reared upon a farm, attending the district school, and when eighteen years of age he was employed in a brewery, and engaged in that line for five years, in Lancaster, with Lawrence Knapp. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Lamparter took charge of the glue factory, and managed it for his mother, until her demise, when he purchased the property and is now sole proprietor of the business which is operated under the title of The Conestoga Glue Works. The buildings and grounds cover eleven acres, all located within the city limits, and upon a portion of the old homestead. All modern appliances are used in the conduct of the various processes of the business, and the product has gained a world wide reputation for its excellence. The present flourishing condition of the concern is due to the enterprise and excellent management of Mr. Lamparter.

Mr. Lamparter has never married, but is associated with a number of fraternal organizations, namely: the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., Seven Wise Men, Masonic order, in which he has taken sixteen degrees. His religious connections are with the Trinity Lutheran Church, in which body he takes an active part, and to whose support he is a liberal contributor. In politics, Mr. Lamparter is an Independent, preferring to vote as his conscience dictates, rather than according to party lines, although he has devoted more time to his business than to public affairs. Pleasant in manner, a thorough business man, he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the general public, and numbers many friends among his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM F. YOHN, a well-known drover of Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in that village Aug. 15, 1865, a son of Edward F. and Mary A. (Baker) Yohn.

Edward F. Yohn was a son of John and Jane (Middleton) Yohn, and was born near Churchtown, Caernarvon township, this county, April 26, 1839. On May 5, 1863, he married Mary A. Baker, and to this union there were born the following children: Elnora, Jan. 23, 1864, married B. F. Musser, of Mountville; William F. is mentioned in the opening paragraph of this sketch; John A., a farmer of Wayne county, Ohio, married Emma Beam; Harry B., a graduate from Franklin & Marshall College, is now a practicing attorney at the Lancaster County Bar; and Jennie A. is unmarried and at home. Mrs. Mary A. (Baker) Yohn was a daughter of Henry Baker, a farmer and blacksmith, and was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Feb. 8, 1841, and died Oct. 19, 1875. The second marriage of Edward F. Yohn occurred June 14, 1881, his bride being Annie B. Johnson, a daughter of Samuel Armstrong, a contractor, and native of Chester county, Pa., who was born in Sadsbury township, that county, Nov. 21, 1839. Edward F. Yohn set-

tled in Mountville at an early age, and engaged in the cattle business, which he carried on very extensively and successfully. He was one of the organizers of the Mountville National Bank, and a director from its organization until his death. He was a public-spirited citizen and charitable, and very well and favorably known for his strict integrity and honesty. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

William F. Yohn was trained to the cattle business from the time he was old enough to handle a gad, until he was taken into the business by his father as a partner, and since his father's death he has been conducting the business for himself. On April 14, 1897, he married Miss Emma Heise, daughter of B. Frank Heise, residing near Columbia borough, Pa., and to this union have been born two children; Fanny C. April 25, 1898, and Mary Ellen, Nov. 11, 1900. Mrs. Emma (Heise) Yohn was born on the Heise homestead, where her father still resides.

William F. Yohn is, fraternally, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Lancaster county, and for this reason and because of his own intrinsic merits he stands very high in the esteem of the community in which he was born and reared.

JOHN E. SNYDER, an attorney of Lancaster, has attained a large law practice, to which he gives that close personal attention essential to success. He is the son of Edwin E. and Margaret C. Snyder, and grandson of Jacob and Margaret (Erisman) Snyder, residents of Lancaster city. The father, a native of Lancaster, was for many years foreman in the cotton mills at Lancaster, and died in 1886, aged fifty-six years. The mother survives and is still a resident of that place.

John E. Snyder was reared in his native city, and at the completion of his education entered the office of David G. Eshleman as a law student. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar and located at Lancaster, where he has built up a large law practice. For many years he has been a director of the Northern National Bank of Lancaster. In politics he is a Republican, and for two years, in 1892 and 1893, was city solicitor. He is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and Mechanics. He was married in 1895 at Lancaster to Miss Minnie L. Esbenschade, daughter of Emanuel Herr Esbenschade, of Leaman Place, Lancaster county.

ADAM B. LONG, one of the foremost and most progressive citizens of Lititz, which city he has done much to build up and improve, was born at Neffsville, Manheim township, Feb. 2, 1855, son of Isaac and Sarah (Bear) Long. He was educated in the public schools and at Lititz Academy, and for twelve years after graduating from the last named institution followed the life of a farmer. Coming to Lititz he engaged in the coal and lumber business, and in 1891 became a partner in the firm of Bear & Long.





composed of Albert R. Bear and himself, the concern succeeding Hess & Bear, and the house having been originally founded by William Evans, in the sixties. They carry on an extensive business in lumber for building, as well as in coal and phosphates, and their plant is the largest of its kind outside of Lancaster city. In 1893 he was one of the chief promoters and organizers of the Lititz Water Works, and was made treasurer of the company owning and operating the same, which office he still fills. The following year (1894), with five others, he formed the company which erected the Lititz Electric Light Works, the first plant of this description to be installed in the borough. Not content with being connected with three important enterprises so beneficial to the city of his residence, in 1897 he became prominently identified with the founding of the Keystone Underwear Mill, of Lititz, which has a capacity of turning out two hundred dozen pairs of underwear daily. Of the company owning this establishment Mr. Long is secretary. In the year 1898, with thirteen others, Mr. Long applied for a charter and organized the Independent Telephone Co., of Lancaster county, Pa., which proved successful from a financial point of view, as well as from that of general utility. In 1901 the company sold out the plant to the United Telephone & Telegraph Co., at a good profit to the stockholders. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Long was elected a director of the Lititz National Bank.

As may be readily believed, a citizen of his progressive ideas and energetic nature has acquired not a little popularity. To a broad public spirit he joins a genial, generous temperament, a keen, alert intellect, and an unblemished name. He is, in politics, a life long Republican, and socially, is a member of Lititz Lodge, No. 1050, I. O. O. F.

On Nov. 5, 1877, Mr. Long was married to Mary, a daughter of Jacob H. Miller, of Ephrata, Lancaster county. Four children have been born to them: C. Eugene; Florence V., who died in infancy; Bertha; and Mabelle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the Moravian Church.

**SAMUEL S. CONNELLY**, the popular and efficient agent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at White Oak station, belongs to one of the leading families of Penn township, and an old one of Lancaster county.

Grandfather Jacob Connelly lived a long and useful life in this county, following the trade of carpet weaving, and also owned a small farm. He was a pious and godly man, a member of the religious body known as the River Brethren. By his marriage to A. Ritter he became the father of fifteen children, many of whom and their descendants are still residents of Lancaster county: Nancy, deceased; John, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Geib; Jacob, deceased; Benjamin, a resident of Penn township; Catherine, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Joseph, of Rapho township; Henry, father of Samuel S.; Polly, widow of Henry Eby; Rebecca, wife of Samuel

Gruber; Michael, deceased; William, deceased; Fannie, wife of Henry Gruber; and Abraham, deceased.

Henry Connelly, father of Samuel S., was born in Penn township in 1826, became a farmer, and followed that occupation until 1886, since which period he has been engaged in the coal business in White Oak. He is a valued member of the Baptist Church, and a man who enjoys the respect of the community. He married Susan Stoneroad, and they became the parents of ten children: Benjamin, of Mt. Joy; Lizzie, Susan, John, Henry and Thomas, all deceased; Samuel S.; Jacob, a cigarmaker of Halfville; Catherine, wife of John McAllister; and Joseph, a farmer on the old homestead.

Samuel S. Connelly was born at Mt. Hope, Dec. 7, 1864, and lived at home with his father until he was twenty-seven years of age, acquiring his education in the public schools. Very early in his business career he displayed those qualities which gained for him the confidence of the management of the Pennsylvania & Reading Company, and he was considered the proper man to take charge of White Oak station, an office he has filled with satisfaction to all concerned. In 1895 he was appointed postmaster at that place, and now combines the duties of both offices. In addition he finds time to most efficiently manage his father's coal business, and is one of the most capable young business men of this community.

Mr. Connelly was married to Miss Susan S. Minnich, estimable daughter of Abram and Susan Minnich, and one child has been born to this union, which passed away in infancy. Mr. Connelly is not only devoted to the interests of the great corporation which he represents, but he is public-spirited, and identifies himself with all enterprises which seem to promise to be of benefit to his community.

**AMOS M. GREIDER**, general farmer, and one of the substantial and respected citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 3, 1850, on his present homestead, and is the youngest of the twelve children that crowned the marriage of Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and Rapho townships.

Christian Greider engaged in farming until his seventieth year span was reached and passed, when he withdrew from labor, and for twenty years lived in quiet retirement, dying on his farm in 1880, aged ninety years, in the faith of the Mennonite Church, of which both he and his wife were devout members. His wife had passed away on the same farm in 1864, aged fifty-five, and the remains of both are interred in the Mennonite cemetery at Landisville. The twelve children that blessed the marriage of Christian and Susannah Greider were born in the following order: John M. died in Ohio; Christian was married, had one child, and died on the old farm; Benjamin, a lumberman and coal merchant at Mt. Joy, fell and died suddenly; Elizabeth was married to Daniel Mellinger, and died in Virginia; Martha



died young; Mary died in infancy; Jacob M. is a retired farmer in West Hempfield township; Susan is the wife of Andrew Garber, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Anna is the widow of Henry Brenneman, of West Hempfield township; Mary was first married to Christian Rohrer, and subsequently to John S. Nissley, a retired farmer at Mt. Joy; Barbara is the wife of Jacob McAllister, a farmer in Pequea township; Amos M. is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. Three of the sons were school teachers.

Amos M. Greider lived on the home farm until 1874, and then went to Harrisburg, where he was employed about three years in producing malt. Thence he moved to Landisville, this county, and for a year was in the tobacco trade, was next in the same line at Mt. Joy for two years, and then returned to the farm.

On Feb. 18, 1870, in Rapho township, Amos M. Greider married Elizabeth Cassel, and to this union were born the following children: Harry C., who was graduated from the Millersville Normal School, was a school teacher in Manheim borough grammar school, but is now a merchant and resides at Landisville; he married Anna Hershey. B. Frank, general merchant and school teacher at Lancaster Junction, married Minnie Seachrist. Charles A., formerly a school teacher in Rapho township, and now a merchant at Mt. Joy, married Emma Nissley. Howard G., and Christian C. are at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Cassel) Greider was born in Rapho township, Oct. 28, 1850, a daughter of Emanuel and Maria (Rohrer) Cassel. Emanuel Cassel was a farmer and school director, but the last ten years of his life were passed in retirement, and he died in Penn township in December, 1899, at the age of eighty years; his wife, born in 1824, is a resident of Landisville, and is, as was her husband, a member of the Mennonite Church. The children of Emanuel and Maria Cassel were nine in number, viz.: Mary, unmarried and living with her mother; Susan, wife of Aaron Kling, a coal merchant at Mt. Joy; Elizabeth, Mrs. Greider; Emanuel, express agent at Lebanon; John, a farmer in Penn township; Hettie, deceased; Emma, wife of John Eby, a farmer in Rapho township; Clara, married to Harry Swarr, a farmer of East Hempfield township; and Harry, farming in Penn township.

Amos M. Greider is in politics a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens as school director for six years. He is highly esteemed throughout the township and county, and he and his estimable wife are upright members of the Mennonite Church.

**CHRISTIAN RUDY.** The establishment of the Rudy family in Lancaster dates back to the year 1835, when George and Catherine Rudy brought their family across the ocean from Germany. The voyage was made in a sailboat, and lasted one hundred days. Among their children was a son, Martin, who at the time was eleven years of age. Being of

an industrious disposition, he took up the problem of self-support at an age when the majority of boys are in school, and during all of his active life he was a hard-working man, finding employment in the foundries, also with the city and in other capacities. In the sixties for about three years he was night watchman of Lancaster, calling out the hours. With advancing years his eyesight failed him, and now, in his blindness and age, he is cared for by his children. His wife Barbara, whom he married after coming to Lancaster, was like himself, a native of Germany. At the time of her death, which occurred in October, 1897, she was seventy-seven years of age. Both were from youth earnest members of Zion Lutheran Church. In their family were five children, namely: Christian; Maggie, who married George Hirsh, a tinsmith of Quarryville, Pa.; Martin, who is employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Catherine, Mrs. Calvin Hess, of Lancaster; and Louis, an expert designer, living in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The school days of Christian Rudy came to an end when he was fourteen. Prior to this he had led a care-free existence in his native city of Lancaster, where he was born May 20, 1853. On starting out for himself he secured work in the cotton mills, starting in a very humble position and at the minimum of wages. After five years in the mills he began to learn the baker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years, and then working as foreman for Mr. Goos for five years. The inception of his present bakery dates from 1878, when he started an independent business, and began building up the excellent trade he now receives at the hands of the people of Lancaster. In order to meet the demands of his trade, two wagons are in constant use. The fine quality of the bakery goods, as well as the known integrity of the proprietor, contribute to give the establishment a recognized position in the line of its specialty. During the course of his busy life Mr. Rudy has met with his share of reverses and has met with more than one narrow escape, notably at the time of the well-remembered explosion at the cotton mills, when a boiler was blown a distance of one square. He was working in the mills at the time, and narrowly escaped death. While in politics he has never displayed any partisanship, he is a decided Democrat and never fails to vote with his party. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon six years, and as elder three years, while fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The marriage of Christian Rudy and Anna M. Gilgore occurred in Lancaster in 1877. Born of this union were the following children: Charles C., who died Jan. 2, 1881; Walter H., who died Feb. 3, 1882; Bertha L., who married Walter K. Barley, of Lancaster; and Christian C., at home. Mrs. Rudy was born in Lancaster Oct. 20, 1853, a daughter of William and Julia A. (Bruner) Gilgore. Through her father, she traces her lineage to worthy Scotch ances-





tors, her grandparents, William and Rebecca Gilgore, having been natives of Scotland; while on her mother's side she is of direct German descent, her maternal grandparents having been Jacob and Catherine Bruner, natives of Germany. After a busy life devoted to the occupation of a marble mason, William Gilgore died Aug. 12, 1890, aged sixty-eight years. For some years he was survived by his wife, who died in March, 1901, at the age of seventy-five years. Both were interred in the Lancaster cemetery. Their children were named as follows: Thomas J.; Lydia A.; William, deceased; J. Augustus, a sculptor residing in Lancaster; Anna M. Mrs. Rudy; Louis H., proprietor of a bookstore in Lancaster; John, a member of the police force of that city; George W. and Emma A., both of whom died in childhood; and Francis S., who is a partner of his brother in the book business.

JONAS E. SHANK, a prominent farmer of Lancaster township, belongs to a family well known in Lancaster county, and was born Jan. 30, 1858, on the farm where he now resides.

Grandfather John Shank was born in Lancaster township, where he lived and died, and followed the calling of a farmer. In 1835 he was ordained a minister of the Old Mennonite Church, in which body he was a faithful worker until his death, which occurred Nov. 2, 1857. He married Susanna Harnish, and they had eleven children: Elizabeth, wife of Christian Herr; Jacob, who died unmarried Nov. 6, 1899; Mariah, wife of Michael Wheider, deceased; Andrew H., father of Jonas E.; Jonas H., a farmer of Lancaster township; Martin (deceased), a farmer of Lancaster township; Susan, wife of Abner Miller, of Conestoga township; Barbara, unmarried; Martha, wife of Abram S. Stauffer, of Manheim township; Sarah, unmarried, of Manheim township; and Fannie, wife of John E. Nestleworth, deceased.

Andrew H. Shank, father of Jonas E., was born in Lancaster township, on the old homestead, Nov. 4, 1818. When a young man he commenced farming on the farm now owned by his son Jonas, and continued farming until April, 1882, when he retired and located in Millersville. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for thirteen years was supervisor of the township. His religious affiliations are with the Old Mennonite Church.

The first wife of Andrew H. Shank was Catherine Harnish, and their marriage occurred Feb. 7, 1843. To them were born three children: Mary Ann, who died at the age of nine years; and Harry (deceased) and Jonas E., twins. Mrs. Shank died Feb. 10, 1890, aged sixty-nine years, three days, and Andrew H. Shank subsequently married Mrs. Elizabeth Shirtzer, widow of Benjamin Shirtzer.

Jonas E. Shank remained at home, working upon the farm, and receiving his education in the schools of the township. When he married he assumed charge of the Shank homestead, and has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. His farm,

which is one of the finest in the township, consists of eighty-four acres, conveniently located one mile from Lancaster City, on the Lancaster and New Danville pike. The pleasant house, surrounded by shade and fruit trees, flowers and shrubbery, the well cultivated fields, neat fences and substantial outbuildings, all testify to the prosperity and good management of Mr. Shank. In addition to attending to his farming interests he is a director of the Lancaster and New Danville pike, and also a director in the Manor Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On Oct. 25, 1881, Mr. Shank married Miss Catherine R. Landis, a daughter of Henry and Catherine Landis, of Manheim township (both now deceased), and the liveliness in their home, well-kept garden and many beautiful floral effects on their fine lawn prove that his choice was well made. To Mr. and Mrs. Shank four children have been born: Emma L., attending Prof. Moore's Madame Cotta College; Landis L., attending Wade's Pennsylvania Business College, Philadelphia; Andrew Hilke, who died at the age of five years, nine months, five days; and Walter L., at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shank are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and no people are more highly esteemed than they in Lancaster township. Mr. Shank is a man of broad sympathies and public spirit, and he always bears a leading part in all matters calculated to prove of benefit to the community.

DANIEL S. NEFF, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist living near Central Manor, Manor township, was born upon his present farm Sept. 21, 1863, son of Benjamin and Anna (Shenk) Neff, and grandson of Henry and Susanna (Neff) Neff. The father spent his entire life upon that farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits. By his ballot he supported the men and measures of the Republican party, and for eighteen years he efficiently filled the office of school director. In religious belief he was a Mennonite. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Hostetter, who died in 1854, at the age of twenty-six years, and of the two children born of that union, Cyrus, the elder, is also deceased. Benjamin is a resident of Central Manor. The second wife was Anna Shenk, daughter of Henry Shenk, of Manor township, and to them were born two children: Daniel S. and Anna, the latter the wife of Harry Gamber, of Landisville, Lancaster county. The father died in June, 1880, at the age of fifty-eight years, the mother in 1897, at the age of sixty-five.

Daniel S. Neff grew to manhood on the old homestead and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and on the death of his father took charge of the home place, consisting of seventy-three acres, which he has since successfully operated. He has made many valuable improvements upon the farm, including the erection of a fine brick residence in 1899.

In 1888 Mr. Neff married Miss Annie R. Herr.



daughter of Henry and Lizzie Herr, and to them have come two children: Ira H., born in 1889, and Harry C., born in 1893. Since attaining his majority Mr. Neff has been identified with the Republican party, and he has taken an active part in its work, doing all within his power to insure its success. He is progressive and public-spirited, and has capably served as a member of the school board in his district since 1898.

**PHILIP AUGUSTUS METZGER**, head of the firm of Metzger & Haugman, dry-goods merchants at Nos. 38 and 40 West King street, Lancaster, belongs to one of the very old families of Lancaster county.

Philip Metzger, his first ancestor in this country, came to America from the Palatinate, Germany, in 1749, leaving his beautiful Old World country because of bitter religious persecution. He had three sons—Jacob, Philip and John—and one daughter, Philip A. Metzger, of Lancaster, is the fourth Philip in the direct line of descent, and his son Philip, who died in 1878, when five years old, was the fifth. The commodious old brick dwelling at No. 25 South Queen street, Lancaster, was built by the grandfather of Philip A., and there, in the same room, have been born his father and himself, and two of his children. This home was in the possession of the Metzger family from 1791 to 1891, when it passed into other hands. Philip Metzger (2), according to the records, was the grandfather of Philip A. Metzger, whose father's name was also Philip. The latter married Eliza Wayne Sprigman, a cousin of the late John W. Forney, the well-known journalist, and to this union were born ten children, five of whom are now living: Anna, widow of B. F. Charles; Louisa, widow of I. F. Abele; Margaret, unmarried; George W., of Lancaster; and Philip Augustus.

Philip Augustus Metzger was born in the old homestead in Lancaster, Nov. 27, 1839, and was educated in the public schools of that city, leaving the high school to enter the dry-goods store of R. E. Fahnestock, with whom he remained twenty-six years. At the end of that long period he severed commercial relations with Mr. Fahnestock to enter into business for himself. For more than twenty-two years he has been a merchant in Lancaster, and he and his partner have conducted a most successful business. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Metzger bought the present store, which in former days was the "Golden Lamb Hotel," and in 1887 a large addition was made to the building. They enjoy a very flattering patronage.

Mr. Metzger was married in 1866 to M. Elizabeth, daughter of the late George A. Weaver, a member of one of the old Lancaster county families; her great-grandfather was a captain in the Revolutionary war. To this union were born five children, two of whom are still living: Miss Mary Gertrude is at home; Carrie Louisa is the wife of Charles Emory

Long, who is now engaged in the leaf tobacco trade, and they have two children, Elizabeth M. and Philip M.

Mr. Metzger was for more than thirty-five years a member of the Duke Street Methodist Church, and a trustee for about twenty years. When the new church building was erected on the northwest corner of Duke and Walnut streets, in 1891, Mr. Metzger, by his indefatigable energy, zeal and liberal contributions, prevented the cutting out from the plans of the beautiful tower that so fittingly adorns it. In February and March, 1897, he accompanied the popular and beloved pastor, Rev. J. T. Satchell, D. D., on an extensive trip to the Bermudas and the West Indies.

Mr. Metzger is now a member of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and time and time again has been nominated by his party in the Second ward for the Select Council. Several times he was strongly urged to become his party's nominee for the position of mayor of Lancaster, but for various reasons felt impelled to decline. Fraternally Mr. Metzger belongs to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is a most genial and charming gentleman. His business integrity is beyond question, and his standing in the business world of Lancaster most enviable.

**JOSEPH H. McGLAUGHLIN**, one of the leading residents of the town of Mechanicsburg, was born in Horse Hollow, Martic township, Lancaster county, June 11, 1867, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Henry) McGlaughlin.

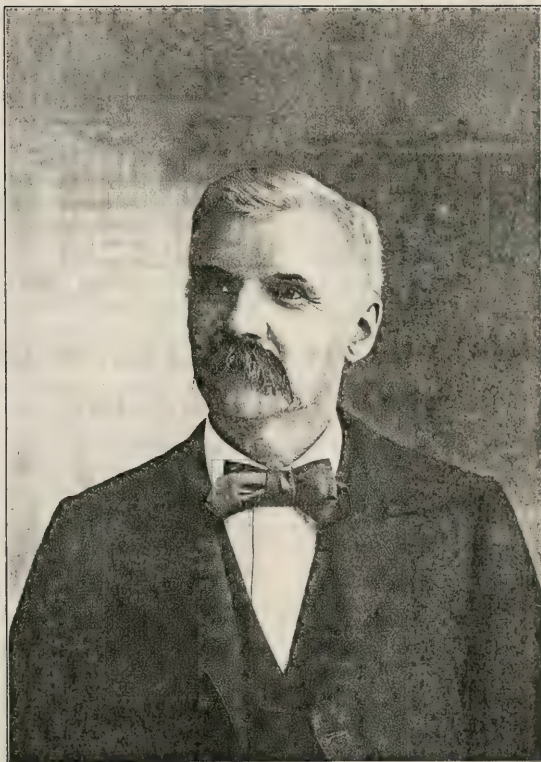
Samuel McGlaughlin, one of the leading citizens of Conestoga Center, was born in Providence township Oct. 26, 1834, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Peoples) McGlaughlin. The family records show that Joseph McGlaughlin was born Aug. 12, 1799; his mother's maiden name was Hettie McKorkle. On Dec. 30, 1824, he wedded Sarah Peoples, who was born Oct. 10, 1802.

Samuel McGlaughlin was formerly supervisor, and is now tax collector of Conestoga, his administration being considered one of the best and most judicious the county has ever had. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., under Gen. Hambright, and was often in posts of great danger, having charge of some of the transportation. On Oct. 12, 1865, he was married, by Rev. J. J. Strine, to Elizabeth Henry, who was born between Conestoga Center and Rock Hill, Jan. 29, 1843, a daughter of John and Magdalena (Thomas) Henry. The children of this union were as follows:

(1) Joseph H. is the subject of this article. (2) A. Laura, born in Conestoga Center Jan. 13, 1870, was married Oct. 22, 1901, to Tilden Falk, a machinist by trade, and now resides in New York City. (3) Harvey M., of the firm of Diehm & McGlaughlin, coachmakers at Honey Brook, Pa., was born in Conestoga township Dec. 13, 1871, and was married Dec. 26, 1900, to Miss Helen Wesley, of Little Brit-







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ain township. (4) M. Letitia, for some time a school teacher and seamstress, was born in Pequea township Dec. 24, 1873, and on Jan. 26, 1902, was married to Robert A. Erb, and now lives on a farm at Mount Nebo, Pa. (5) John Miles, deceased, was born in Conestoga Center Feb. 26, 1876. (6) Effie N., of Lancaster, was born in Conestoga Center Jan. 23, 1878. (7) Franklin P., stenographer and book-keeper for Follmer, Clogg & Co., umbrella manufacturers at Lancaster, was born Nov. 10, 1881. Both Samuel McGlaughlin and his wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church. John Henry, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Henry) McGlaughlin, was born Jan. 26, 1804, a son of Michael and Susan (Rathfon) Henry, and was a stone mason and shoemaker by occupation. He married Magdalena Thomas, who was born Jan. 16, 1810, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Keeports) Thomas.

Joseph H. McGlaughlin was reared on the home farm, and between the ages of ten and fifteen years he assisted neighboring farmers. He then learned the cigarmaker's trade, but only as a means of enabling him to gratify his ambition for a higher education. His inclinations led him to the profession of teacher, and he entered the Millersville State Normal School to prepare himself for that calling. In the fall of 1887 he began his eminently successful career as an instructor, and has continued to teach ever since, sometimes even teaching summer sessions. His work has been appreciated through the county, and he is very popular with both patrons and students. Mr. McGlaughlin has done much in the interest of education in his locality, and his influence has been the means of promoting and instituting a number of needed reforms. He has also during the summer seasons been engaged extensively in trucking. His artistic sense has found expression in highly ornamental penwork, and many specimens of his handiwork have found their way into the possession of his acquaintances, and are now scattered over much of our country.

On March 30, 1893, Mr. McGlaughlin was united in marriage, by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, with Miss Clara W. Weinhold, daughter of Peter G. and Eliza (Weinhold) Weinhold, and this union has been blessed with two children: Elsie Mabel, born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 9, 1894, who died Sept. 3, 1897; and Grace Leona, born Dec. 23, 1895. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. McGlaughlin are members of Heller's Salem Reformed Church. Mr. McGlaughlin has been prominently identified with the Republican party for many years, and for four years was judge of elections. He is a genial, pleasant citizen, and is well known and highly esteemed.

Peter G. Weinhold, father of Mrs. McGlaughlin, was born in East Cocalico township, between Denver and Muddy Creek, Jan. 5, 1840, a son of Philip Weinhold. He is now a prominent farmer in Upper Leacock township. His wife, Eliza (Weinhold) Weinhold, was born in East Cocalico township April 18, 1848, a daughter of Peter S. and Leah (Yagi) Wein-

hold, the former of whom, born Dec. 10, 1818, died April 26, 1896; the latter, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Loraw) Yagi, born Nov. 25, 1820, died Aug. 13, 1902. To Peter G. and Eliza Weinhold were born children as follows: Henry W., of Reading, a florist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, was born in East Cocalico Feb. 17, 1867, and on Dec. 24, 1891, was married to Clara A. Ludwig. Frances W., born July 16, 1868, on Nov. 24, 1889, married Henry W. Lutz, a farmer near Heller's Church. Solomon W., a farmer and laborer near Leacock, was born Dec. 19, 1869, and married Adelia R. Espenschied Feb. 25, 1897. Clara W. is the wife of Joseph H. McGlaughlin. Pierce W., born July 25, 1873, died June 4, 1874. Annie E., born Nov. 19, 1876, was married Oct. 12, 1899, to Abram S. Getz, a laborer and farmer of Leacock, Pa. James, a plumber and gas fitter of Reading, Pa., was born Dec. 23, 1878. Minnie, born Dec. 31, 1886, is at home. All the family attend Heller's Salem Reformed Church except the parents, who are members of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church.

Philip Weinhold, the father of Peter G., was born Nov. 19, 1796, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Grill) Weinhold, and on reaching man's estate wedded Elizabeth Kress.

SAMUEL S. STAUFFER, a substantial and well-known farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born April 12, 1867, on his present home farm, which is the old homestead of the Stauffer family, where many of the name have first seen the light in the past.

Mr. Stauffer is a son of Abraham G. and Harriet (Shelley) Stauffer, the former of whom was born in 1842 on the present farm, son of Jacob Stauffer; the mother was born in Rapho township, daughter of Henry Shelley. Abraham G. Stauffer removed in 1891 to Lebanon county, where he is engaged in farming. During his residence in this county he was identified with many of its sound institutions, notably the Elizabethtown National Bank, in which he was a director from its organization until the spring of 1901. His wife was born in December, 1844, and died Dec. 21, 1901, aged fifty-seven years, two days. She was a member of the German Baptist Church, to which her husband also belongs. To Abraham G. Stauffer and his wife were born the following named children: Harry S., who is a stock dealer living in Manheim; Samuel S.; Fanny S., who married Albert Garber, a merchant in Lebanon county; Harriet S. and Jacob S., both of whom died young; Andrew S., who owns a warehouse and is engaged in the fruit business in Palmyra, Pa.; David S., also residing in Palmyra; Katie S., who resided with her parents and died Aug. 22, 1901, aged twenty-four years, fourteen days; Abraham S. and Mamie S., both of whom died young; and Anna S., at home.

Mr. Stauffer was reared on the farm and has passed his whole life there, engaging in farming



from his youth. The place is one of the valuable estates which help to make Lancaster county famous as a farming section.

On Nov. 20, 1892, Mr. Stauffer was married, in Manheim, to Miss Amanda B. Graybill, and to this union has been born one daughter, Minnie G. Mrs. Stauffer was born Aug. 12, 1870, in Penn township, daughter of Seth and Fannie (Bentz) Graybill, of Lancaster county. Mr. Graybill was born in 1845, and is now a retired farmer of the village of Pennville, having lived free from business care for the past six years. His wife was born in 1850. Both are valued members of the German Baptist Church. Their children were as follows: Amanda B., wife of Mr. Stauffer; Joseph B., a farmer of Penn township; and Hayden B. and Noah B., both deceased. The family is of Swiss origin, and the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stauffer was Joseph Graybill, of Lancaster county, who married a Lutz.

Mr. Stauffer is identified with the Republican party, and is one of the progressive and intelligent young men of his locality.

**BENJAMIN M. SHENK**, one of the highly esteemed retired farmers of Lancaster county, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families in this locality. This family originated in Switzerland, coming to America about 1730. Michael Shenk was the original settler on the old homestead, and his son, Henry (it is thought) succeeded him. John Shenk, the great-grandfather of Benjamin M., was a son of Henry, and he lived and died in Pequea township. His life was devoted exclusively to farming pursuits and to the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church. The children he left were: Henry; John; Anne, who married a Snively; and Mary, who married a Hostetter.

Henry Shenk, son of Rev. John, became the grandfather of Benjamin M., of this sketch, and he was born in Pequea township, where he tilled the soil. His duty led him in the direction of a religious life, and for four years he was a minister in the Old Mennonite Church, and on June 3, 1843, he was ordained a bishop. For a number of years he was a power in the church, operating in the Conestoga, Millersville, Rohrerstown and Manor districts. His simple, pious life, combined with his ability as a preacher, exerted a great influence for good, few men ever having been more highly esteemed or more dearly beloved. As a fitting close to a life of estimable deeds, he died suddenly, Oct. 22, 1865, aged seventy years, eleven months and twenty days, after giving testimony after a sermon preached by his co-worker, Jacob Brubaker, of Manor District, Rev. Joseph K. Brubaker being also present, in the Stone Meeting House, in Pequea township.

The marriage of Rev. Henry Shenk was to Susanna Huber, and they became the parents of twelve children: John, who died in 1802; Henry, who died Jan. 6, 1854; Michael, who died young;

Tobias, who resides in Manheim township; Mary, deceased; Jacob, of Pequea township; Isaac, twin to Jacob, deceased; Rudolph, of East Drumore township; Samuel, of Pequea township; Susan, the widow of Andrew G. Bower; Benjamin, deceased; and Anna, the wife of Martin Herr, of Pequea township.

John Shenk, father of Benjamin M., was born on the old homestead in Pequea township, Aug. 28, 1816, and lived there until 1842, when he moved to Lancaster township, locating on the farm which Benjamin M. Shenk now owns, giving his whole attention to the cultivation of his land for a number of years. He was, however, an intelligent and public-spirited man, was active in the ranks of the Republican party, filling many of the local offices with great efficiency, notably those of assessor, auditor, school director and supervisor. Mr. Shenk was identified with many of the public enterprises of his locality, and until the time of his death was a director in the Marietta Pike road. As a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, his life was filled with good and charitable deeds. His reliability was recognized in the demands made upon him in the matter of settling up estates, many trusts being confidently placed in his hands. His marriage was to Miss Magdalena Musser, and they had a family of six children, three of whom died in childhood, the others being: Henry, a farmer in Penn township; Benjamin M., of this sketch; and Susan, wife of Rev. Abram B. Herr. The mother of these children died Aug. 13, 1861, and Mr. Shenk married Mrs. Magdalena Bassler, and he died May 10, 1892.

Benjamin M. Shenk was born on the farm where he now resides, on Aug. 21, 1844, grew up acquainted with all the necessary details of a farmer's life, and after completing the common school course, settled down to a farming life. After his marriage in 1870 he began farming on the home place, which was his by inheritance, and here, until the spring of 1901, he followed agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most substantial and highly esteemed citizens of this county. For as long a period as seventeen years Mr. Shenk has been a school director, always casting his influence in the direction of progressive educational methods, and has staunchly supported the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Shenk has been identified with a number of the important enterprises of the county, notably the Mutual Insurance Co., having been a director for many years. Many of the complicated estates of this neighborhood have been placed in his hands for adjustment, his fellow-citizens being so well assured of his integrity, ability and uprightness.

The marriage of Mr. Shenk was to Miss Leah G. Charles, and to this union were born five children, two of whom died young, the others being: John C., a farmer of East Hempfield township; Abram C., a farmer on the home place; and Anna C., residing with her parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shenk are





consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are kind, neighborly and hospitable, and among the very best people of their township.

EDMUND GARDNER was born Nov. 8, 1870, at Colemanville, Lancaster county, where he now resides. He comes from an old Pennsylvania family.

Valentine Gardner, his great-grandfather, lived and died in Martic township, about one and one-half miles from the home of Edmund Gardner. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on that business for some years in connection with farming, carting his leather by team to Philadelphia and Baltimore. His wife's maiden name was Good.

John Gardner, the grandfather, was born in Martic township in 1808, and lived at home until he was about twenty-eight years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county. At the age of twenty-eight he went to Conestoga township, and engaged in farming, which he continued until 1871, when he retired from the active affairs of life. He married Miss Leah Shenk, of Conestoga township, in 1836, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight died in infancy or early childhood. Those who grew to mature years were: John Wesley, father of Edmund; Leah, wife of Joseph Clark, of Mt. Nebo; and Valentine, who at the age of twenty-one was drowned, in 1871, while skating on the Pequea. Mr. Gardner and his wife were members of the M. E. Church, he being one of the trustees and a steward for about thirty years.

John Wesley Gardner was born in Conestoga township, Feb. 14, 1840, and lived at home until he was twenty-two years old. He received a common-school education. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 122d P. V. I., was mustered into service Aug. 11, 1862, promoted to corporal Jan. 21, 1863, and with his company was mustered out of the service May 15, 1863.

In 1866 John W. Gardner married Miss Henrietta Costello, of Conestoga township, and they became the parents of two children: Florence, who is the wife of H. B. Barr, of Colemanville; and Edmund. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Gardner was trustee and steward of the church for a number of years, and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was engaged in merchandising for about thirty years, and retired in 1894. Edmund Gardner, his son, continuing the business to the present time. John W. Gardner is a member of Stewart Post, G. A. R., of Rawlinsville; of the K. of P., at Rawlinsville; and the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 158, of Mt. Nebo.

Edmund Gardner remained at home with his parents, and upon the retirement of his father, in 1894, took charge of the business. During his youth he was educated in the county schools, and supplemented this training with a two-years course at the State Normal School at Millersville. He has given his entire attention to the mercantile business,

and has been very successful in it. Politically he is a Republican, and was made postmaster March 30, 1894. He is a member of the Charles M. Howell Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 496, of Millersville; and is also a member of the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 158, Mt. Nebo.

On Aug. 16, 1893, Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Mary, daughter of P. C. Hiller, of Conestoga township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the M. E. Church of Colemanville, and he is one of the trustees. They have four children, namely: J. Harold, Grace, Reba and Clare, all at home.

Although a young man, Mr. Gardner has already gained a permanent standing in the community, and is regarded as a useful, progressive and liberal-minded man in both business and social circles, well deserving the high esteem in which he is held.

MRS. MARY SALENA (PROSSER) BAUMGARDNER, widow of the late Henry Baumgardner, was born about sixty-five years ago in Hartford, Conn., daughter of James L. and Mary (Lillibridge) Prosser, and remained with her parents until her first marriage. James L. Prosser was an extensive farmer, and a horse and cattle dealer of prominence in one of the very wealthiest sections of the United States. Of his family, all are now deceased but Mrs. Baumgardner and her sister, Mrs. Brown, who lives at Lexington, near Boston. The others were: John, who died aged twenty-one; Levi, who amassed wealth in speculation and employed it in charity; Anissa, who died young; and Angelina, who married Park Fellows, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., now a wealthy resident of San Francisco, Cal. This family is of noble lineage, but Mrs. Baumgardner's proudest boast is that she is the daughter of an honest man.

Mary Salena Prosser first became the wife of Jay Cadwell, who came of an honorable family—people whose word was as good as their bond. His brothers are all deceased, and his sister is still living on the old place a few miles from the city of Hartford, which has been in the family for over two hundred years. After his marriage Mr. Cadwell came to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaged in tobacco culture, which venture proving disastrous he remained only one season. Going to Philadelphia, he opened the first silver-plating establishment there, as a member of the firm of Filley, Mead & Cadwell. His health failing, he was advised to remain in the open air as much as possible, and accordingly returned to Lancaster county, where he commenced to buy stock. He eventually took up the cork manufacturing business, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death, March 24, 1874. His remains rest in Lancaster cemetery. Mr. Cadwell had been successful in business, but ill health and the results of the panic of 1873, together with the fact that he had bet heavily on the election of Horace Greeley, of whom he was a great admirer, left him in debt, and his widow was left with a heavy



burden to shoulder. His assets were equal to his liabilities, but the material had to be worked up and put on the market, and she took up the work courageously, and the fact that she had a daughter to be cared for was a wonderful incentive for her to make the effort. Her father and brother came to Lancaster and offered her their assistance, but though they were men of wealth she only expressed her gratitude and persuaded them to return home, saying she felt confident that she would "come out all right," and she did. She managed her husband's plant and business for eight years with great success, only abandoning the business when the establishment was destroyed by fire; but she had previously paid the entire indebtedness, dollar for dollar, and felt that she could afford to retire.

After four years of widowhood Mrs. Cadwell was united in marriage with Henry Baumgardner, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, where he had a successful business career, and both made and lost a great deal of money. He died in May, 1898, and is buried in the Lancaster cemetery.

Notwithstanding her strenuous life, Mrs. Baumgardner is a remarkably bright, active and even youthful lady for her sixty-five years. She was the first subscriber in Lancaster county to Dun's Mercantile Agency. She and all of her connections are of the most prominent and leading citizens, and all are well-to-do in the world. She is a member of the Lancaster Historical Society, and of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary Body, socially prominent and clever, and a woman of engaging manners and of charitable disposition and habits.

Mrs. Baumgardner's daughter, Ida, is the wife of H. C. Moore, and has three children, Samuel, Edith and Mary S. Mr. Moore is a prominent citizen of Trenton, N. J., being president of two traction companies. Mrs. Baumgardner has a niece, Mrs. George Field, living at Newton Center, Massachusetts.

**NORMAN M. CHRIST**, an enterprising and rapidly rising young farmer of Manor township, was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Feb. 3, 1872, a son of Michael K. Christ, who resides two and one-half miles southwest of Millersville, and is one of the most respected farmers of Manor township.

Michael K. Christ was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Sept. 1, 1850, son of Amos B. Christ, a native of the same township. Michael K. was reared on the home farm, was educated in the district schools, and also attended the State Normal School at Millersville for three terms, in 1868-69-70. He taught in the winters of those years, and in the fall of 1870 located at Masonville. In 1876 he purchased a farm of eight and one-half acres in Manor township, where he has since been engaged in farming. He has also passed considerable time in clerking, and in 1889-90-91-92 was collector of taxes for Manor township; in 1897 he was mercan-

tile appraiser for Lancaster county; in 1898 he was delegate to the Republican State Convention, having previously attended several county conventions. Mr. Christ has acted as administrator of several estates.

Michael K. Christ was married Aug. 17, 1870, to Miss Mary S. Miller, daughter of Christian and Barbara Miller, both of whom are deceased. To this union have been born four children, viz.: Norman M., with whose name this sketch opens; Benjamin M., a veterinary surgeon, at home; Haldy M., a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, class of 1897, and since a teacher of shorthand and typewriting at home; and Ida V., also at home, a teacher of music.

Norman M. Christ received a sound public-school education, and at the age of twenty years began farming by working out by the day. By saving his earnings he was able, in the fall of 1896, to purchase twenty acres of the Jacob Doerstler farm, one-quarter mile east of Creswell, which place he has greatly improved, having one of the finest little places in the county; he carries on general farming, and also deals in fertilizers.

On June 18, 1891, Norman M. Christ married Miss Sarah Sneath, who was born in Manor township, daughter of William A. Sneath, deceased. To this marriage have been born three children, Blanche, Irene and Walter.

Norman M. Christ is one of the active young Republicans of Manor township, and takes a deep interest in the party's affairs, but although frequently solicited to accept nomination for public office has persistently refused to become a candidate. Mr. and Mrs. Christ are members of the Evangelical Church, and are among the most respected of the residents of Manor township.

**WALTER M. ESHLEMAN**, proprietor of the "Buck Hotel," in East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Marticville April 20, 1868, son of Martin and Hattie (McCardee) Eshleman. Martin Eshleman was born in Martic township in 1840, and his wife was born in Conestoga township in 1843.

Henry and Mary Eshleman, the grandparents, were both natives of Lancaster county, and of German parentage. They lived in the Revolutionary period. Henry Eshleman owned much land in this section of the county, and both he and his wife died in Martic, on his old homestead. They had ten children: Henry, who lives in East Drumore township; Samuel, a butcher in Marticville; Calvin, who died at the home of his parents; Maris, a butcher, who died at the old home unmarried; Eli, who died at the old homestead, leaving a widow and nine children; Martin, Jacob, Daniel, George, Eli, Elizabeth (who married Joseph Rankin), Susan (who married Christian Andrews), Mary (who married Henry Hoover) and Lydia (who married Martin Eshleman); Eliza, born in Marticville, who married Jacob Johnson, of Smithville, Lancaster county, and died leaving a family; Susan, who married John G. Good, and is the





mother of four children, Elizabeth (wife of George W. Hiney), Mollie (wife of John Plank), Barbara (wife of Samuel Young) and Henry (deceased); Cilinda, deceased, wife of Joseph Hoover; Louisa, wife of Alexander Humphrey, of Lancaster; and Martin.

Martin Eshleman was reared on the old homestead, and was engaged in farming until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the cavalry service of the Union army, and served under Sheridan. At Gettysburg he was seriously wounded, and lay for many hours uncared for on that bloody field. Surviving the perils of the tented field and battle strife he came home, and is now living retired on the old family homestead, with all the comforts that industry and integrity have a right to expect. To him and his good wife have come four sons, all of whom are honorable and prosperous citizens of this county: (1) Harry, born in 1866, married Miss Bertha Shoff, of Martie township, where he is living. He is a supervisor. They have two children, Clyde and Florence. (2) Walter M. is mentioned below. (3) Joseph, born in 1874, married Miss Katie Handle, and is a farmer in Martie township. They have one daughter, Emma. (4) Ezra, born in 1877, lives at home, and is manager of the home farm.

Walter M. Eshleman grew to manhood under the parental roof-tree, and took up farming as his life business. In 1891 he was married to Lizzie, daughter of Simon and Hettie Good. Mrs. Eshleman was born in Providence in 1870, and was educated in the local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman lived for a time in Martie township, where he was a farmer, and bought and sold stock on an extensive scale, a business he still follows. In 1900 he added to his other labors the cares of hotel-keeping, and has a hotel at the Buck, where he is doing a good business and has a fine patronage. Bessie, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman, was born Jan. 15, 1892.

Mr. Eshleman and his father are both Republicans. The grandfather was a Whig, and in time became a Republican. Fraternally Walter M. Eshleman belongs to the I. O. O. F. He was reared in the Mennonite faith, his mother being a member of that church.

In 1898 Mr. Eshleman made an extensive western trip, traveling in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, and returned by way of Kentucky and Virginia. Mr. Eshleman is a young man of excellent business qualifications, and is widely known, not only for his abilities as a stockman, but for his very successful management of the "Buck Hotel," which is one of the popular hostleries of the county.

LEVI B. HUBER, one of the progressive and prominent young farmers of Lancaster county, living about a mile southeast of Landis Valley, belongs to an old and honored family, and is a son of David B. Huber, of Fruitville. He was born Jan. 12, 1861, secured his education in the public schools, and, being

a man of keen perception and good observation, has become one of the best informed citizens of the county.

When a young man of twenty-two Mr. Huber began on his own account on the place he now occupies, known as Fountain Farm. It comprises sixty-two acres, largely devoted to potato growing. Mr. Huber keeps in touch with the advance of the times, being a reader of and occasional contributor to the agricultural press. He is interested in bees, and has five stands of the Italian variety. He also keeps some 300 hens, improved White Leghorns, and regularly supplies a number of the families in Lancaster with eggs.

Levi B. Huber was married, in November, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth K., daughter of Benjamin R. and Anna S. (Kreider) Stauffer. She was born in East Lampeter township March 3, 1863. To this union have come the following children: Cora S., born Oct. 25, 1885; Anna S., April 14, 1887; Elizabeth S., July 27, 1888; Henry S., Aug. 13, 1889; David S., Dec. 15, 1890; Benjamin S., Feb. 26, 1892; Enos S., July 1, 1896; John S., July 3, 1898; Christian S., Feb. 11, 1894 (died March 17, 1895). Mr. and Mrs. Huber belong to the Mennonite Church, and he is assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

MARIE REBECCA VAN NESS, M. D., not only won distinction in medical circles in Lancaster for her own success as a practitioner, but also as the wife of a distinguished physician and surgeon, Dr. William W. Van Ness, now retired after forty years of active practice. She is the daughter of the late David Saladin, who came to America from Baden-Baden, Germany, in 1831, and settling in Lancaster, engaged in mercantile trade there, having been a storekeeper in Europe. However, he abandoned that business, and became a contracting house painter. Mr. Saladin married Miss Mary Elizabeth Troyer, daughter of the late John Andrew Troyer, of Lancaster, whose ancestors were of Revolutionary fame on both sides. To this union were born five children, only two of whom are living, Marie Rebecca and John F., the latter a wholesale dealer in millinery and silk at Greenville, Ohio.

Marie Rebecca Saladin was born in Lancaster, and received her early education there, finishing her studies at the American Medical College, at St. Louis, from which she was graduated. She has been an earnest searcher after the truth, and made a close study of Christian Science, which she practiced with great success for three years in Denver, Colo., though she subsequently confined herself to medical practice. Dr. Van Ness was the only woman in Lancaster who ever enjoyed the distinction of being medical examiner for an insurance company, holding that position in this section for the Security Medical Life Insurance Company, of Binghamton, N. Y., conducting the examination of lady applicants for insurance. She belongs to the American Medical Association, at Washington, D. C. Dr. Van Ness is as thoroughly





versed in literary matters as she is in medicine. Religiously she is a member of the Unitarian denomination. Socially, professionally and religiously she is a model type of womanhood.

Almost forty years ago our subject became the wife of Dr. William Van Ness, who was born and reared on the Hudson. Both his grandfathers came over with Gov. Stuyvesant, when New York was known as New Amsterdam. Dr. William W. Van Ness is a graduate of Columbia College, New York, and is now living retired after an active practice extending over forty years, during twenty of which he was associated with his wife, who practiced with him in New York for that length of time. She practiced ten years in Lancaster. Two children were born to this union, one daughter, now deceased, and one son, Rev. Thomas J. Van Ness, who is pastor of the second oldest church in the city of Boston, an Unitarian Church. He stands at the head of the six most prominent clergymen in that city. Dr. Van Ness may well feel a pride in the work of her husband and son in their respective callings, as well as in her own success in the learned profession of her choice.

**SAMUEL L. OBERHOLTZER**, one of the well-known citizens and leading farmers of Mt. Joy township, was born on the farm he now occupies July 12, 1839, son of Jacob and Barbara (Lehman) Oberholzer, natives of the same township, and who were for many years residents of the same farm.

Jacob Oberholzer, father of Samuel L., was born on the old farm Dec. 31, 1812, son of Samuel and Fanny (Longenecker) Oberholzer, natives of Dauphin county, who moved to Lancaster county in 1797, locating on this farm in Mt. Joy township, where their days were passed. They were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following named children: John, Jacob, Samuel, Peter, Joseph, Christian and Elizabeth. Until 1862 Jacob Oberholzer farmed on the old homestead, removing then to an adjoining farm. He died after living some time in retirement, Dec. 31, 1897, and was buried in a private burying-ground on his own land. On Oct. 13, 1855, Jacob Oberholzer married Barbara Lehman, in Lancaster, and they had the following children: Samuel L. is a resident of Mt. Joy township; Jacob L. died at the age of five years; Amanda L. married Daniel B. Brubaker, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Miss Lizzie L. resides with her mother and her sister, Mrs. Brubaker. Mrs. Oberholzer was born Oct. 6, 1835, in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lehman) Lehman, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, respectively. Daniel Lehman died in Franklin county in 1886, his wife dying in 1846, at the age of forty-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: Henry is a retired farmer, living in Ohio; Nancy married Peter Witmer, and lives in Dauphin county; Barbara married Jacob Oberholzer; Polly (deceased) married Christian Gish; Lizzie is the widow of Peter

Horst, of Franklin county; Fannie died young; Katie married John Landis, of Franklin county. The second marriage of Mr. Lehman was to Nancy (Shank) Barricks, and they had children as follows: Sarah (deceased) married Henry Bricker; Daniel (deceased) married Annie Shenk; Peter married Annie Zug, and is a farmer in Franklin county; Lydia and Mattie both died young; Susan married Samuel Longenecker, a farmer of Dauphin county; David married Annie Burkholder, and is a farmer in Franklin county. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Jacob Oberholzer were Peter and Hettie (Hoover) Lehman, and the maternal grandparents were Abraham and Maria Lehman, all of whom died in Lancaster county. Jacob Oberholzer was a man of large means, and his family is one of the most substantial of the old families who reside in this vicinity and who come from a fine old German ancestry. Although he was not formally connected with any religious body, he lived a Christian life, and was respected wherever he was known.

Samuel L. Oberholzer was but two years of age when the family moved from the old farm and located on an adjoining one. Here he remained with his parents, attending the district school, and assisting his father in operating the farm until his marriage, when he located on his present farm, the place of his birth, where he has continued ever since. He has been very successful in general farming, and during the past few years has paid considerable attention to poultry raising. As a representative citizen Mr. Oberholzer has filled various public positions with great efficiency, notably that of township auditor for six years; for a similar length of time he was election inspector. In political belief he is a member of the Republican party. He belongs to the Mennonite Church, in which he was ordained a deacon Dec. 25, 1900.

In November, 1883, occurred the marriage of Samuel L. Oberholzer and Miss Minerva Weaver, who was born in West Donegal township, and died Feb. 6, 1890, at the age of thirty-two years. She was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry and Catherine Weaver, natives of Lancaster county, who now live in West Donegal township, where the former is a retired farmer. The two children of this marriage were Katie W. and Walter W., both of whom live at home. The second marriage of Mr. Oberholzer was to Mrs. Lizzie B. (Lehman) Gantz, of Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pa., who was born Oct. 1, 1855, in Lebanon county, daughter of Samuel and Caroline N. (Brubaker) Lehman, the former a native of Lebanon county, and the latter of Lancaster county. Mr. Lehman moved to Lancaster county in 1888, and now is a prominent retired farmer, residing in Elizabethtown. He was born in 1811, and his wife was born in 1833. They were married in 1854, and had the following children: Lizzie B., now Mrs. Oberholzer; Amanda, who married Nathan Brandt, a farmer residing at Fontana, Pa.; Emma, who married Amos Risser,



lives in Mt. Joy township; and David, the youngest, a telegraph operator in Lancaster city, who married Emma Shaub. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Oberholtzer were John and Polly (Kinzie) Lehman. Mrs. Oberholtzer was married (first) Oct. 21, 1875, in Lancaster, to John E. Gantz, who was born in Lancaster county July 12, 1854, son of John L. and Anna (Enterline) Gantz, of Lancaster county, and died March 12, 1896. Mr. Gantz was a well-known agriculturist of Dauphin county, and died on his farm. He was interred in Milton Grove cemetery. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gantz, namely: Allen L., who married Anna Longenecker, of Dauphin county, and has two children, Carry and Walter; and Cleveland L. and Tihlman L., both residing with Mr. Oberholtzer.

The Oberholtzers are among the substantial and representative families of Mt. Joy township, well thought of in their neighborhood, and worthy of the kind feeling and respect which surrounds them on every side.

**WILLIAM M. MEARIG.** Among the citizens of New Holland, Pa., is William M. Mearig, who was born in the village of Mechanicsburg, Lancaster county, Feb. 15, 1868, son of George K. and Caroline (Miller) Mearig, both families being among the old and respected ones of Lancaster county.

George K. Mearig was born in Upper Leacock township and was reared to the trade of miller, but as he could not stand being near the water, he took up butchering. Shortly after his marriage to Caroline Miller he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he died in 1890, at the age of fifty-five years, and he was buried in the Zion Lutheran cemetery. His widow, the mother of our subject, lives in Mechanicsburg. The children born to these parents were: Albert, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who resides with her mother; and William M., of this sketch.

George Mearig, the grandfather of William M., was a native of Lancaster county, where he married Elizabeth Kolb, and carried on a tailoring business in this town for many years, a well-known and respected man. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Peter and Fanny (Rudy) Miller, both natives of Lancaster county. Mr. Miller was a blacksmith by trade, but his eyesight failed him, and he lived in retirement in Mechanicsburg during his later years.

William M. Mearig was reared in Mechanicsburg, and was educated in the public schools of this town. For three years after the close of his school days our subject worked as a tinsmith. He then became clerk in a real estate office in Jenkintown, and in Philadelphia, where he worked for about six months. An opportunity offering he accepted a position with the firm of Kuhns & Bowers, wholesale dealers in wood and willow-ware, in Philadelphia, and for some six months was employed as their traveling salesman, but since February, 1889, he has

been connected with the house of Lambert & Kirk, one of the drug firms in the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Mearig was almost a continual resident of Mechanicsburg up to the spring of 1902, when he moved to New Holland, Pa., where he now resides. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and from 1893 to 1897 he was the postmaster in his native town.

On June 1, 1893, Mr. Mearig was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kohler, in New Holland. Three children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: George, Anna and John F. Mrs. Mearig was born in Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., April 9, 1865, a daughter of Rev. John and Louisa (Daum) Kohler, of Union county, Pa. Rev. Mr. Kohler was one of the well-known ministers of the Lutheran Church, and continued his work through a period of fifty years.

**JOHN D. HOOD,** who resides in Columbia, Lancaster county, is a native of Lewes, Sussex Co., Del., born July 11, 1859, a son of John N. and Jane O. (Wolfe) Hood, whose four children were born in the following order: Hannah M., on the old homestead at Midway, Del.; Amanda B., also on the homestead; John D., of No. 403 Walnut street, Columbia, Pa.; and Thomas W., salesman for the Ross Brothers, sons of ex-Gov. Ross, at Slaford, Del. These children are all married with the exception of Hannah M.

John N. Hood, whose post office is still at Midway, Sussex Co., Del., is a son of John and Hannah (Greene) Hood, and was born near Lewes, Del., March 2, 1817. Two of his uncles, Dr. William Hood, of North Carolina, and Dr. Stephen Greene, of Laurel, Del., were among the most prominent physicians of their day. Among his living relatives are Hon. Judge Joseph Carey, ex-congressman, and Dr. John Carey, both of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Theodore and Davis Carey, of the well-known publishing firm of Carey Bros. & Grevenmyer, in Philadelphia, the Careys being his first cousins. The Hood family and the Wolfe family, with which Mr. Hood is allied by marriage, are two of the oldest and most prominent in the State of Delaware, his grandfather, Robert Hood, a gentleman of wealth and intelligence, having come from Pennsylvania.

John Hood, the eldest son of Robert Hood, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He bought, and for many years resided upon, a large and valuable tract of land lying on the coast near Rehoboth City, Sussex Co., Del. In politics he was a Democrat, and in the war of 1812 he served in the defense of his adopted State as captain of a company of volunteers stationed at Lewes. He married Hannah, daughter of Richard Greene, who came from Rhode Island, and settled on the farm which is now the Hood homestead.

John N. Hood was married, in 1855, to Jane Oliver Wolfe, who was born Sept. 5, 1817, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Ball) Wolfe. The descent





of Mrs. John N. Hood is clearly traced to the Ball family of which the mother of Gen. George Washington was a member. Joshua B. Wolfe, brother of Mrs. John N. Hood, was with Gen. Winfield Scott at the taking of the city of Mexico, and was greatly distinguished for bravery throughout the Mexican war. Mrs. John N. Hood, as well as her husband, was an earnest worker in the Presbyterian Church, and the family has always been influential and distinguished. Mrs. Hood died in 1883, at the age of sixty-eight years, and Mr. Hood is now living in retirement.

John D. Hood, whose name opens this biographical sketch, remained on the home farm until 1881, when he went to Dakota, California and Oregon. He passed five years in the West, and during a part of this period carried on a cattle ranch in Clackamas county, Ore. In 1885 he returned home, passed several months in leisure, and the same year began rail-roading as fireman, from which position he was promoted to an engineer. In 1887 he was transferred from Philadelphia to Columbia, and this has since been his home.

Mr. Hood was united in marriage at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1889, with Mrs. Kate H. Hershey, a native of Columbia, and to this marriage have been born three children, viz.: John V., Marion B. and Harold W. Mrs. Kate H. Hood is a daughter of Christian and Sarah R. (Hinkle) Hershey, and a granddaughter of Christian and Catherine (Brenner) Hershey. She was first married to Amos Hershey, a locomotive engineer, who died March 19, 1882, at the age of thirty-one years. He was born in Lancaster county, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Hershey. To this first marriage were born four children, namely: Daisy; Christian, who married Maud Melville, and resides in Philadelphia; Harry and William, both clerks in Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are members of the First English Lutheran Church, of Columbia. In politics Mr. Hood is a Democrat, and socially is a member of the B. of L. E. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association.

Christian Hershey, deceased father of Mrs. Kate H. Hood, was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Feb. 5, 1824. He married Sarah Rebecca Hinkle, in Columbia, and to this union the following named children were born: Mrs. Kate H. Hood; Harry, of Columbia; William, of whom further mention will be made; Sarah E., wife of Clauston Shertzer, a farmer of Washington borough, Lancaster county; and Anna, who died young. The father of this family was a gentleman of wealth and respectability, and was called away Nov. 10, 1899, his remains being interred in Mount Bethel cemetery.

William Hershey, the third child born to Christian and Sarah R. (Hinkle) Hershey, is a native of Columbia, and at the age of twenty-two years began braking for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; a few months later he was made a fireman and filled that position five years, when he was promoted to

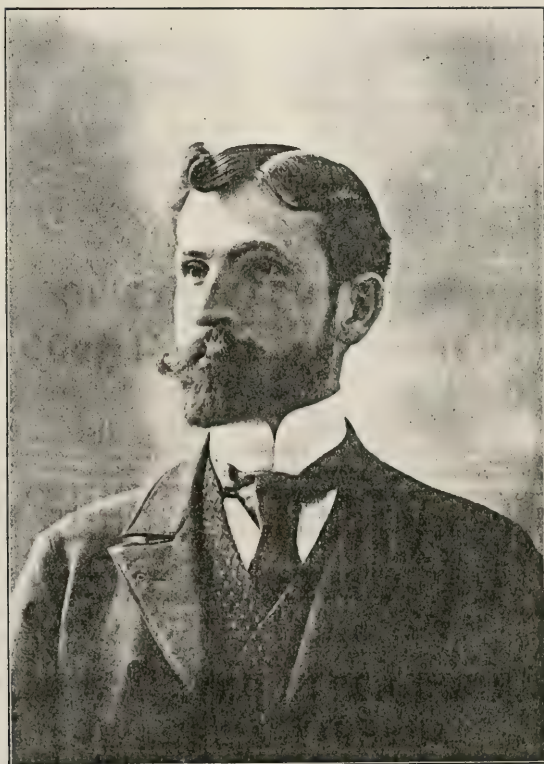
engineer, and is now considered as one of the most trusty and faithful in the employ of the company. He is still single. He is a Master Mason, also a member of the Commandery and Chapter, and in politics is a Republican.

KIRK JOHNSON is known in Lancaster as a man who has done more probably than any other citizen of the county toward making it possible for a musical instrument to be placed in every home, however humble, in the city. He was born on his father's farm in New Jersey, June 4, 1861, a son of John W. Johnson, a native of Port Republic, New Jersey.

John W. Johnson is now living retired after years of activity on his farm. He devotes much of his time to the church, in which he has been a class-leader and exhorter for sixty-one years. In politics he is a Republican. His wife, Sarah Adams, of New Gretna, N. J., had six brothers, five of whom became Methodist ministers. To John W. Johnson and his wife were born ten children, as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. B. E. Norris, of Atlantic City, N. J.; William N., superintendent of the American Ice Company, Atlantic City; Bella, Mrs. Kirby, of Atlantic City; Carrie, Mrs. Cramer, of New Gretna, N. J.; Ellwood S., with the American Ice Company; Kirk; Morris L., manager of Kirk Johnson's store at Atlantic City; J. Newton, an attorney in New York City; Virginia May, Mrs. Sommers, of Oceanville, N. J.; and Revilla, deceased. The mother died Jan. 24, 1898.

Kirk Johnson, after trudging across the country six miles to attend district school for a very limited period, was kept at home to help on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time, with no other capital than that probity which his father and his now sainted mother had so deeply implanted in his breast, he started out to brave the world and hew his own future. He succeeded in securing employment with F. A. North & Co., the noted musical dealers of Philadelphia, and was sent to Paterson, N. J., where a branch house was established by the Philadelphia firm. In 1883 Lancaster was made the objective point for the operations of this company, and here Mr. Johnson opened a branch house, conducting it for two years, when he embarked in business for himself. The beginning was modest, but he kept on and persevered until his place of business, No. 24 West King street, became the center of attraction for all lovers of music. He has thirteen employees, and at his branch store in Atlantic City there are nine. During this long residence in the county of his adoption Mr. Johnson has not only proved an educational force in the world of music, but has been equally forcible and beneficial in the public schools of the township in which he resides. His beautiful home is on the Philadelphia turnpike, just outside the city limits, in the upbuilding of which populous section he was a pioneer. The three handsome suburban cottages which he caused to be erected there





Kirk Johnson.



formed the nucleus for a number of handsome homes. And as a recognition of his ability and public spirit the people of Lancaster township elected him to membership on the school board, where he has served for six years, and is still in office. Mr. Johnson has taken a lively interest in the erection of the new school building, which was completed in 1900, and which is now pronounced the finest public school building in Lancaster county. In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and in religious views he is a Methodist, as is also his wife. Socially he belongs to Hershel Lodge, No. 134, I. O. O. F., and he is also a member of the O. C. A. M., and the B. P. O. E. Mr. Johnson has taken a leading position in the community as a man of integrity, public spirit and genial character, and his friends are legion.

In March, 1884, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Allan M. Tompkins, who was born in Haddonfield, N. J., a daughter of Andrew and Sallie Jane Tompkins. Five children blessed this union, Orville W., Nelson C., George K., Ruth and Kirk Devon.

**FREDERICK SAMUEL ENGLE**, of the firm of F. S. Engle & Bro., millers, at Engleside, a southern suburb of Lancaster, has his home at No. 142 South Queen street, in one of the seven elegant dwelling-houses which his father, the late Frederick Engle, built.

Frederick Engle was born July 11, 1835, and died Dec. 19, 1899. He was one of the best known citizens of Lancaster, and did much to aid not only in the material improvement of the city, but in that of the suburbs as well. Having bought the old Graeff hotel property, and much other property about Graeff's Landing, Mr. Engle proceeded to improve it, rebuilding the hotel and equipping it after the fashion of the best city hotels, providing electric lights, call bells, etc. He also planted a grove of young trees, now grown to fine proportions, and making the place one of the most delightful resorts in the section. Mr. Engle received a common-school education, and worked in the cotton mills until seventeen years of age, at which time he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a molder. He went to New Orleans, and for about six months in 1857 worked at his trade in that city, then returning to Lancaster, where he pursued his trade until 1861, when he enlisted in the 10th P. V. I., becoming a member of Company E. He served in the three months call, after which he re-enlisted in Company K, 79th P. V. I. He served three years, and participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged. He was mustered out as sergeant after a four-years' service for his country. During the whole time of the Civil war he was never sick or wounded, and made an excellent soldier. Mr. Engle engaged in the bottling business from 1871 until 1897, from which time he lived retired until his death, in 1899.

Mr. Engle married Elizabeth Suter, daughter of

Rudolph Suter, who years ago kept a shoe store in East King street. Of this union five children were born, three of whom are living, as follows: Catherine, wife of E. H. Rowley; Lewis Hartman, associated with his brother in the flour-mill business; and Frederick Samuel.

Frederick Samuel Engle, who can boast of ancestors who were patriots in the Revolutionary war, was born in Lancaster Sept. 17, 1871. The public schools afforded him facilities for a good education, and when he left the class-room it was to assist his father in the bottling business. On April 1, 1901, Mr. Engle, associated with his brother, Lewis Hartman Engle, took possession of the well-equipped modern gristmill at Engleside which had been their father's, and which became theirs by inheritance. Here they have built up an excellent business, which is constantly on the increase.

Mr. Engle is a member of Lancaster Aerie, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His name appears on the membership roll of the Reformed Church, and he takes an active interest in religious work. Politically he is an ardent Republican. Liberal in all things, and of genial, kindly nature, Frederick S. Engle is of the type of men to which his father belonged—whole-souled and deservedly popular.

**GILBERT SMITH**. The Smith family of Drumore township has long been one highly esteemed in this locality, and one of its most worthy members is Gilbert Smith, of Liberty Square, a prominent farmer of this neighborhood.

Gilbert Smith was born in this township, Oct. 13, 1851, a son of Preston and Hannah (Carter) Smith, deceased. Their ancestry reaches back to both Scotland and Ireland. Preston Smith was a son of Samuel Smith, who reared four of his five children to maturity. Preston, born in 1816, died March 3, 1883; and Howard, Elizabeth and Samuel, all of whom have also passed out of life.

Preston Smith was united in marriage, Feb. 1, 1844, to Hannah Carter, of Martie township, born in 1821, and died Nov. 5, 1894. She was a daughter of Alexander Carter, of Martie township, and she became the devoted mother of eight children: Edwin, born Jan. 28, 1845, died in 1851; Albert, born May 8, 1846, is a farmer of this township, and he married Harriet Martin; Elmyra, born in 1848, died in 1850; Kersey, born in 1849, died in 1850; Gilbert; Oliver, born in 1853, died in 1864; Clarinda, born Sept. 18, 1855, is the wife of J. Martin Ankrin, of this township; and Nora, who was born Oct. 5, 1863, married George H. Brown, of Little Britain, more extended notice of whom is given in his sketch. During life Preston Smith was a well-known citizen, a Republican in his politics, and a Quaker in his religious belief.

Reared in a pious and intelligent home, Gilbert Smith was equipped with good principles when he started out in life for himself, although his means were limited. His education had been acquired in the





common schools, and after leaving his books he started out for himself as a farmer boy. By the exercise of economy, energy and honesty, he gradually accumulated means, until now he owns one of the finest farms of the township, consisting of 118 acres, well cultivated and suitably improved.

On Oct. 8, 1887, Gilbert Smith was married to Elizabeth Rea, of Sadsbury township, a daughter of William and Sarah (Draucker) Rea, of Scotch-Irish and German ancestry. This family was one of the prominent ones in the early settlement of Lancaster county; James Rea, the great-grandfather, a son of an early settler, having located on the farm which is still in the possession of the family. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Horace Rea, born March 11, 1890; and Eugene Carter, born June 13, 1895. Nine children were born to the parents of Mrs. Smith: Amor, a farmer of Bart township; Mary, the wife of Samuel G. Fegle, of this county; Hannah, who resides on the old home place; Philip D., a farmer of this township, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; Adam F., a farmer of Sadsbury township; Sara A., a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; Elizabeth J., born Feb. 27, 1858; S. Emma, single, living at home; and James, who is a teacher in a college, in New York City. William Rea was born March 5, 1811, and died Oct. 14, 1881; his wife was born Aug. 27, 1819, and died Nov. 8, 1889.

While he does not belong to any particular sect, Mr. Smith believes in all moral influences, and follows out in his life the precepts he learned in early years. His wife is a member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Smith is a staunch Republican and has been active in his party because he thoroughly believes in its principles, but he is no seeker for office.

**GEORGE BAIR HERSHEY, M. D.** Among the prominent and representative citizens of Gap, Pa., is Dr. George Bair Hershey, who is well known in this locality both as a physician and as an educator. He was born Nov. 28, 1872, in Buystown, Lancaster county, son of Josiah and Mary Ann (Hershey) Hershey, of Lancaster county.

Dr. Hershey was reared on the farm and remained with his parents until he was seventeen years old. His primary education was obtained in the common schools, and this was supplemented with one session in Parkesburg Academy and one year of student life, 1890-1891, in the Millersville State Normal School. The young man then engaged in teaching, first in Bareville, where he continued one year, and then went to New Milltown, where he taught two years, going thence to Harmony School, at Gap, where, after one year of teaching he organized the Gap Academy. This institution became very popular with Dr. Hershey as principal, and Ralph Yoder, vice-principal. The first year enrolled sixty-seven pupils, and more applied for admission who could not be accommodated. After teaching through

the first two sessions at the Academy, in 1895-1896, Dr. Hershey entered upon the study of medicine, living on the farm with his parents a part of the time. For six months he read under the supervision of Dr. G. W. H. Frew, of Paradise township, and further prepared for entrance to the University of Pennsylvania where he remained four terms, graduating in 1900. During the summer of 1899 Dr. Hershey took a special course of surgical training under the personal supervision of Dr. Joseph Spellissy, at the Pennsylvania Hospital, in Philadelphia. While at college he defrayed his expenses in part by getting out a set of questions on dissecting-room anatomy; by assisting the publisher in the preparation of a manual of Therapeutics, and one on special surgery; and by private tutoring. On Aug. 7th, following his graduation, he located for practice in Gap where he has remained. Dr. Hershey has shown skill and a high order of ability in his profession, and he numbers among his patients many of the leading families of this locality. He has been prominent in Sunday school work, and for one year was local secretary of the Lancaster County Sunday School, and in 1894 was president of the Gap Local Institute. Dr. Hershey belongs to the Old Menemite Church. In politics he is a Republican and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Gap.

On Oct. 31, 1900, in Philadelphia, Dr. Hershey was married by Rev. Chas. Mervine, to Miss Anna M. Portner, born in Gap, Pa., daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Simpson) Portner, the former of whom was born in New York City, son of Henry N. and Marie (Haenchen) Portner. Henry N. Portner was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was a son of Conrad Portner, a native of Switzerland, who died in Bavaria. Henry N. Portner died in Philadelphia, in 1870, at the age of forty-five years, and was buried in that city. In 1830, in Zweibruecken, Germany, Henry N. Portner was married to Marie Haenchen, and in 1832 they came to America where Mr. Portner followed the cabinet-making trade in New York City for five years. In 1837 he removed to Philadelphia. He and wife were members of the German Reformed Church. Their children were: Edward, the father of Mrs. Hershey; and Miss Caroline, of Salisbury township.

In 1873 Edward Portner came with his family to Lancaster county and settled on a farm in Salisbury township. He was an artist by profession, and had for a considerable period been proprietor of a dry-goods store, but when his health failed he removed to the country in the hope that the fresh air and change of occupation would enable him to regain it. However, he died in 1883, at the age of fifty years, and was interred in Bellevue cemetery. In 1870, in Philadelphia, Edward Portner was married to Miss Elizabeth Simpson, who still survives and resides on the farm in Salisbury township. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Portner consisted of these well-known members: Marie, who married Howard M. Scott, a farmer near Sadsburyville, Chester Co., Pa.; Ed-



ward J., who is a chemist in Philadelphia; Henry, who is a druggist in Gap; Anna M., the wife of Dr. Hershey; William, who is in the life insurance business in Philadelphia; and Miss Lena, at home.

Dr. and Mrs. Hershey have one child, Margaret Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, 1902.

DAVID L. GARBER, one of the substantial farmers of East Donegal township, was born in this township Aug. 31, 1855, a son of Benjamin and Fianna (Landis) Garber.

Benjamin Garber (or Gerber, as he chose to spell the name) was born in East Donegal township July 11, 1818, and died July 18, 1900, his burial being in Kraybill cemetery. His occupation through life was that of a farmer, and he was a man who took much interest in the affairs of the township, serving most efficiently as supervisor. For twenty-eight years prior to his death, he lived a retired life. He married Fianna Landis, who was born in Manheim township, and who died in October, 1893. Both of these estimable people were members of the Kraybill Church, near which they now rest. The children born to Benjamin and wife were: Israel, Jacob and Barbara, who all died young; Anna, who married Joseph L. Rissler, of Mt. Joy township; Benjamin L., a retired farmer on the old homestead in East Donegal township; Fianna, who married Clement K. Brubaker; and David L., of this biography.

The paternal grandparents of David L. Garber were Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Garber, both of whom died on the old farm on which Benjamin now resides. Their children were: Benjamin; Andrew; Barbara, who married John Nissley; Elizabeth, who married Isaac Hershey. All of them have passed away. The maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Anna (Long) Landis, of Lancaster county, and the former was a farmer and miller in Manheim township, where both he and his wife died, having lived Christian lives, as members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Fianna, deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of John Hess, of Manor township; Maria, deceased, the wife of Levi Getz; Fanny, who married Samuel Hess, deceased; Nancy, who married Samuel Hershey, and resides near Strasburg; Amelia, who married Michael Nolt, deceased; Benjamin, a retired farmer of Lancaster; Henry and Isaac, deceased; Israel, unmarried, an inventor, living retired in Chicago, Ill.; and Daniel, deceased, who was a farmer of Manheim township.

David L. Garber remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, employed in agricultural pursuits, and he then took charge of his present farm, which then consisted of 132 acres, to which he has added until now he has under cultivation 154 acres, one of the best farms in this locality. Here Mr. Garber has lived a quiet, industrious life, has voted the Republican ticket and taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs, and has been one of the most highly regarded members of the Mennonite Church.

In October, 1879, Mr. Garber was married to Emma S. Hershey, and two sons have been born to them, Benjamin F. and J. Hoffman. The birth of Mrs. Garber occurred in West Hempfield township, Sept. 26, 1855. Her parents were J. Hoffman and Barbara (Brenneman) Hershey, natives of West Hempfield and of Manor townships, respectively. For many years Mr. Hershey was one of the most prominent farmers of West Hempfield township, and accumulated substance; in middle life he was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of Manheim, and became its cashier, so continuing until his health failed and he retired from business cares. He survived for twenty years, beloved and esteemed by all. His interest in educational matters was marked, and he served as school director and did much for his locality. His lamented death occurred in West Hempfield township, near Salunga, April 11, 1896, and his remains were reverently interred in the cemetery in Landisville. His presence was missed from the Mennonite Church, where his place was seldom vacant. The mother, who was born Nov. 3, 1824, resides on the old home place.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey numbered ten children: Frances, who married Harry M. Mayer, surveyor and conveyancer, and also farmer, of Rohrerstown; Rebecca A., who married Hebron Herr, a retired farmer of Lancaster; Simon A., who resides with his mother; Amos B., who married Rebecca Bones, and died in 1897; Emma S.; Mary E., who married Frank M. Herr, a retired farmer and Mennonite preacher, of West Lampeter township; Martha J., who married Cyrus G. Fry, a farmer of Rapho township; Barbara A., deceased, who married Levi K. Brubaker, a retired farmer of Lititz; J. Hoffman, who died in 1886; and Abraham, who died young.

ENOS B. WEAVER. One of the prominent general farmers and truckers of Upper Leacock township is Enos B. Weaver, who is a native of East Lampeter township, where he was born Dec. 13, 1865, a son of Aaron and Susannah (Houser) Weaver, natives of West Lampeter township.

Aaron Weaver remained in West Lampeter where he was born in 1840, until in the spring of 1864, when he moved to East Lampeter, where he remained until the death of his wife, Sept. 9, 1895, at the age of fifty-four. He then retired and moved to Lancaster. Both he and his wife were long connected with the Mennonite Church. The children born to them were: Enos B., of this sketch; Jacob, who conducts a greenhouse on the old homestead; Lizzie, who married Ephraim H. Stoner, a farmer of Strasburg township; Harry, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Fanny, who married Christ M. Brubaker, a farmer of East Lampeter; Ida, who married Amos R. Landis, of East Lampeter; Anna, who resides with the above named sister; Mary, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Brubaker; and Ella, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Stoner.





After he reached his majority our subject, Enos B. Weaver, went to Oregon, Pa., where he operated a greenhouse, raising flowers and early vegetables for the market, remaining there for two years and then coming to his present location in the spring of 1901. While in Oregon our subject met the estimable and intelligent lady who, in May, 1899, became his wife—Miss Susan S. Shank—and to this union one daughter, Mary S., has been born. Mrs. Weaver was born in Pequea township, this county, a daughter of Jacob R. and Mary S. (Stoner) Shank, the former of whom was born in 1828, and the latter in 1832. Mr. Shank is a retired farmer and both he and wife belong to the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Jacob S., on the old homestead; Mary S., deceased; John S., a hardware clerk in Lancaster; Susan S., the wife of Mr. Weaver. The paternal grandfather was John Shank, of Lancaster county, who was thrice married; the grandmother of Mrs. Weaver was, in her maidenhood, Miss Rush.

Mrs. Weaver began teaching school at the age of seventeen, being so engaged at the time of her marriage; she is a lady of taste, education and refinement. In politics Mr. Weaver is an ardent Republican, and both he and wife are valued members of the Mennonite Church, and highly respected through the neighborhood.

WALTER BAER WEIDLER, M. D., is now located at No. 128 North Duke street, Lancaster, in the offices that for forty-three years were occupied by the late Dr. J. Aug. Ehler.

In the paternal line Dr. Weidler comes from a very old Lancaster county family, his grandfather, Henry Weidler, having been a farmer of Mechanicsburg.

Prof. H. C. Weidler, son of Henry, is the widely known and popular educator, who has graduated so many hundreds from his business college. He married Mary Ann Baer, daughter of William Baer, a farmer of Intercourse, and this union was blessed with the following named children: Alice, wife of Clarence A. Krouse, general manager of the American Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia; Milton Baer, a clerk in New York City; and Dr. Walter B., of Lancaster.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Baer) Weidler is descended from Conrad Rutter, who went to England from Prussia in 1683, and then emigrated to America, making the voyage to this country in company with Francis Daniel Pastorius, in the ship "America," which landed at Philadelphia Aug. 20, 1683. He was of the original thirteen families who laid out Germantown on Oct. 12, 1683. After some time in Germantown Conrad Rutter located in what is now known as Pittston, where he remained until, in 1716, he came to this county, settling in Leacock. He took up 588 acres of land on a grant from William Penn. and this land was afterward divided among his three sons, one of whom, Joseph, was Dr. Weidler's great-great-grandfather, and whose eldest son, Henry,

married Elizabeth Schultze, first cousin of Gov. Schultze, of Pennsylvania. As early as 1720 Conrad Rutter helped found the first Episcopal Church in the eastern part of Lancaster county; and Joseph Rutter, from whom Dr. Weidler is descended, built one of the first schoolhouses in Leacock township.

Walter Baer Weidler, M. D., was born in Mechanicsburg Oct. 11, 1873, and after attending the public schools of his district came to Lancaster, and was graduated from his father's business college, where, for two years after graduation, he was assistant instructor. In October, 1894, he began the study of medicine, in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in June, 1898. After spending eight months as house surgeon in the Philadelphia Home for the Incurables, and one and one-half years as house surgeon in the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Dr. Weidler went to Europe, where he took up the special study of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, pursuing his studies for six months in Vienna, two months in Berlin, and four months in London, returning to his old home in Lancaster on July 9, 1901.

B. FRANK HEISE, general farmer and proprietor of Heise's Locust Grove Dairy, a farm comprising 132 acres and located in West Hempfield township one mile east of Columbia, was born on this tract Feb. 17, 1845, a son of Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise.

Harry Heise was born on the present homestead, and Mrs. Hannah Heise was born in Marietta, in the same township. The father died in February, 1862, when fifty-eight years old, and the mother died in Columbia, aged sixty-five years, in December, 1877, having resided in that city for seven years prior to her death, and in that city the remains of both parents rest side by side. To Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise were born seven children, viz.: Harry, who was chief Burgess of Columbia, and was killed on the electric railway Aug. 9, 1890; Elizabeth, wife of Jonas H. Nolt, a farmer of West Hempfield township; William, who died young; B. Frank, whose name opens this article; Anna M., who died when fourteen years old; Salinia H., widow of John Wilmot, of Washington, D. C.; and Sally, deceased wife of Jacob P. Agnew.

B. Frank Heise lived until 1854 on that part of the home farm which he at present occupies, and then moved with his parents to another part of the premises, where he remained until 1867, and then returned to his present home. On Dec. 5, 1867, he was married in Reading, Pa., to Miss Fanny Swarr, and to them have been born four children, viz.: Emma, wife of William F. Yohn, of West Hempfield township; Harry, at home; Edward, a traveling salesman, who was suffocated in the disaster at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, Feb. 21, 1902, when twenty-six years old; and Ella, wife of Howard Snoker, a druggist of Mt. Joy.

Mrs. Fanny (Swarr) Heise was born in East



Hempfield township, a daughter of John and Susan (Frick) Swarr, the former of whom was a school director in East Hempfield, was a farmer by vocation, and for many years prior to his death led a retired life. He died in the Mennonite faith, and his remains were interred in East Petersburg. To John and Susan Swarr were born nine children, namely: Aaron, deceased; Benjamin, a retired farmer of East Hempfield township; Eliza, widow of Henry Hershey, of the same township; Mary A., of Landisville; Susan, widow of Christian Hershey, also of Landisville; Mattie, wife of Daniel Forrey, a farmer at Millersville; Sarah, who married H. G. Powers, of East Hempfield township; Barbara, wife of Christ Miller, a retired hotel man, of Neffsville; and Fanny, Mrs. Heise.

B. Frank Heise is one of the most progressive, as well as one of the most prominent and popular men of his township. In politics a Republican, he has been auditor of his township for the past seven years, and a school director for six years; was a director of the Columbia Wagon Works for several years; and in 1901 was elected a director of the Central National Bank, of Columbia. As a farmer he has but few equals in the county. Since 1865 the grove on the farm, known as Heise's picnic grounds, has been used as pleasure grounds, having been prepared for that purpose by Mr. Heise, who has erected pavilions, etc., on the premises. The grounds are known all over this part of Lancaster county as the popular resort of the section. Fraternally Mr. Heise is a Freemason, and a Hentosoph, and socially he and his family stand high in the esteem of the community, in which they have so long lived.

JACOB DENLINGER, an old and prominent farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he is highly respected and esteemed for his many manly and honorable qualities, was born in Paradise township, Oct. 30, 1849, a son of John and Mary (Brubaker) Denlinger, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John Denlinger died in Paradise township, Feb. 5, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years, eleven months and twenty-two days; his widow passed to her rest Sept. 12, 1893, at the age of seventy-seven years, nine months and eighteen days. John Denlinger was a man of considerable prominence in his active days, and held public position, being both school director and supervisor. The remains of both him and his wife rest in the cemetery connected with the Hershey Church in Salisbury township. They were the parents of the following children: Barbara had her home in Paradise township until her death, June 10, 1902, when she was aged sixty-six years, one month and twenty-five days; Samuel B. is a retired farmer in Paradise township; Lizzie is the widow of Elias Leaman, and resides in Leacock township; Elias is a resident of Salisbury township; Simon married Anna M. Leaman, since deceased, and resides in Leacock township; Mary married H.

E. Musser; Jacob is a farmer of Leacock township; Esaias is a farmer of Paradise township; John is living retired in Paradise township, and is unmarried; Tobias married Lizzie Eby, and died in 1898, at the age of forty-three; Christie Ann is the wife of Henry Hershey; and Evaline married A. H. Hostetter, an implement merchant of Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Denlinger was married Nov. 24, 1874, in Gap, Pa., to Susannah Eby, by whom he has had the following children: Henry E., who was married Nov. 12, 1902, to Amy Groff, of Upper Leacock township; Lizzie M.; John M.; Jacob P.; Willis B.; Tobias S.

Mrs. Jacob Denlinger was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 12, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Musser) Eby, born in Salisbury and Earl townships, respectively. Her father, who is a farmer in Salisbury township, was born in 1824, a son of Henry and Susannah (Sensenig) Eby, of Lancaster county. Her mother, who was a daughter of Henry and Anna (Martin) Musser, of Lancaster county, died in 1864, at the age of thirty-three. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and were the parents of the following family: Menna S. died at the age of eighteen years; Anna died when three years old; John is a farmer in Earl township; Elizabeth is the widow of Tobias Denlinger; Magdalena married Israel Hershey, of Paradise township; and Mary married Samuel Sechrist, a farmer in East Lampeter township.

Jacob Denlinger remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on a farm in East Hempfield township, which he was engaged in cultivating some six years. At the end of that period he removed to his present home place, which comprises some ninety acres, in a fine state of tillage. He also owns another farm, and is well off. Both he and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, of which he is a trustee at the present time. In politics he is a Republican, and holds an enviable place in the estimation of his neighbors, who know him well, and speak highly of his honest character, industrious habits, and genial disposition.

DANIEL D. GRAUL, one of the best known citizens of the town of Penryn, Pa., traces his ancestry back to Germany, his great-grandfather having come to America from that country.

John Graul, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, and spent his whole life there, for many years working as a laborer in the Reading car repair shops. By trade he was an excellent brickmaker. His marriage was to Anna Prince, and their children, five sons and five daughters, were: Daniel, in the brick business; William, also engaged in the brick business; Henry, a hatter, in Reading; Frederick, a carpenter in car shops, who became the father of Daniel D.; John, a laborer; Emma, the wife of William Nachtrieb; Hattie, the wife of Geat Weidner; Susan, the wife of William Achenbach; Catherine, who died single; and Caroline, who married William Gundry.





Frederick Graul, son of John, was born in Berks county, in 1830. In early life he learned the carpenter trade and followed this until his death, Jan. 26, 1866. His marriage was to Sophia Greider, and they had a family of four children: Harry, who is associated with Daniel D., in his work; Joseph, who is a boss baker, and is employed at the State Asylum at Wernersville, Berks Co., Pa.; Grant L., who is a cigarmaker of Reading; and Daniel, of this sketch.

Daniel D. Graul was born in Reading, Pa., Jan. 18, 1862, and was left without a father's care at the early age of five years. Until he was ten years old he went to school, and then went to work in an endeavor to add to the family resources, in the Jacksons Rope Works, at Reading, where he remained until his mother moved with her little family to Lititz, Lancaster county. Here the ambitious and industrious lad soon obtained employment in the Lititz brickyard where he remained for four years, after this going to learn the baker's trade with William Bollinger, remaining for four years, thoroughly learning this business also. For six years Mr. Graul worked as a journeyman, and in 1887 started into business for himself at Penryn, and so well has he succeeded that he has remained ever since in this pleasant village. By close and careful attention to his business, he has built up a large and constantly increasing trade, his wares taking the place of others previously put upon the market, and relieving many of the cares of the modern housewife.

Mr. Graul was married to Miss Emma Eaby, a daughter of Henry and Anna Eaby. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., No. 657, of Manheim, and the K. of P., No. 253, of Lititz. Mr. Graul is one of the progressive young business men of this neighborhood, and has won his place in the business world by his own efforts, possessing now not only a fine patronage in his chosen line, but also the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BARNETT**, of Fairfield Village Green, is a most worthy citizen of Drumore township, where he carries on a successful blacksmith business. He was born in this township July 6, 1857, a son of James and Emily (Ritchie) Barnett, also natives of this township, and of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Barnett, the father, reared twelve children, but only six of these grew to maturity: Joseph, a blacksmith of Chestnut Level, married Harriet Shank; James, a railroad conductor, married Margaret Brown, and lives in Renova, Clinton Co., Pa.; Charles, a resident of Conowingo, Md.; Mary, the wife of Clark Bishop, of Chestnut Level; Louisa, of Drumore township; and Benjamin Franklin, of this sketch. James Barnett was born in 1820 and spent his life as a farmer, was prominent in the Methodist Church, and was a Democrat in his political belief. His widow still survives, living in Centerville, Pa., in her seventy-sixth year.

The successful business career of Mr. Barnett

should be an inspiration to others who are obliged to submit to the disadvantages of limited means in youth. At the age of fourteen years he went into the blacksmith shop belonging to Mr. Hensel, and remained there for three years, or until he had mastered every detail of this business. Then, without a dollar, he started out courageously for himself, and established a shop in Fairfield, where, by energy, economy and industry, he has earned a most comfortable home and shop, and all the expensive tools necessary to his trade.

Mr. Barnett was united in marriage on April 6, 1883, to Sarah L. Brown, of Drumore township, born Feb. 13, 1855, a daughter of John S. and Sarah (Hellam) Brown, of Eden township. Mr. and Mrs. Brown reared a family of five children: Margaret, who married James Barnett, she now being deceased; Clara, who married Albus Rineer, of Lancaster; Sarah L., the wife of our subject; William, deceased; and John, of Lancaster. A commingling of English, Scotch and Irish blood was in the Brown ancestry. Both parents have passed away. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are: Scott B., born Nov. 24, 1885; and Elsie, born Feb. 27, 1888, both bright and beautiful, as well as intelligent, children.

Mr. Barnett has been a life-long Democrat, while in religious connection both he and wife attend, and most heartily support, the Methodist Church. Mrs. Barnett has assisted her husband by her housewifely skill, and is much esteemed in the neighborhood. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F., where he is valued. Perhaps no family in the village enjoys more thoroughly the high esteem of the community than does that of Benjamin Franklin Barnett.

**JOSEPH G. RANKIN**, one of the leading and substantial men of Martic township, who has been prominently identified with its agricultural interests for a number of years, was born Oct. 17, 1842, in Conestoga township, this county, son of Samuel and Catherine (Goodman) Rankin.

Samuel Rankin, the father, was a son of ——— Rankin, whose father was one of six brothers of the name who came to America from Ireland, about 130 years ago. Their descendants have become widely scattered, and many of the name have been prominent in various walks of life. Samuel Rankin was also born in Conestoga township, carried on farming and married Catherine Goodman. They had these children born to them: Samuel; Jacob; Annie; Mary, the wife of Abraham Good; Frederick; Daniel; and Joseph G., of this sketch. Samuel Rankin belonged to the Mennonite Church and was a highly respected man.

Joseph G. Rankin was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the public schools of his district. He proved his loyalty to his country by enlisting in her service in 1864, entering the 203d P. V. I., and participating in a number of severely contested battles, being honorably discharged in July,





1865, with an excellent record. Mr. Rankin has been very successful in carrying out his enterprises. Although he began life for himself with limited means, his industry and business ability have resulted in a very substantial standing in his community. Mr. Rankin owns a fine farm of eighty-eight acres of well improved land, a handsome brick dwelling, and also one of the best paying lime quarries in the township. He has been engaged in the lime business quite extensively.

On Sept. 15, 1873, Mr. Rankin married Miss Elizabeth Eshleman, and a family of fourteen children was born to them, ten of these still surviving: Samuel E.; Susan; Jacob; Henry; Martin; Mary E.; Joseph; Edward; Chester; and George. Catherine, Eli, Lydia and William died young. Mrs. Rankin was born in 1854, and was one of a family of twelve children, the nine survivors being: Martin, Daniel, Elizabeth, Jacob, Susan, George, Eli, Lydia and Mary.

Mr. Rankin is not only an excellent farmer, but he is also a progressive and useful citizen. In 1897 he was elected school director, and still serves, doing all in his power to advance educational matters in his district. He belongs to the Old Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Rankin is regarded as one of the leading citizens of the township and is known to be a kind neighbor, and a man who looks well after the welfare of his family and community.

**B. BARTON WITMER**, a general merchant of Quarryville, was born May 10, 1861, son of Benjamin and Lydia (Lefever) Witmer.

Benjamin Witmer was born near Quarryville, in Bart township, in 1835, and his wife was born in 1839, and was the daughter of Daniel and Lizzie Lefever, a prominent family, of Lancaster county. Benjamin was the son of David and Elizabeth (Macumpey) Witmer. David Witmer's first wife was Hannah Hastings, who died soon after marriage, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth A., who is still living and is the wife of Adam Mower, of Quarryville. David's second wife bore him eleven children, of whom, Benjamin, father of our subject, grew to manhood and was educated in Lancaster county. When a young man he was engaged in general merchandising in Quarryville, his being the first store in this section of the county. He remained in this business until after the death of his wife, who left eight children. He then removed to Colerain township, where he entered the business of tobacco buying and shipping in large quantities, to Eastern markets. Mr. Witmer engaged in this occupation until a short time prior to his death. He was widely and favorably known for his integrity and good business qualities. He made many friends and very few enemies. The family left are as follows: Franklin, deceased, was born in Quarryville, in 1856, and married Miss Ella Reese, of Quarryville; he worked at his trade of cabinet-maker during life, and died, in 1898, leaving a

wife but no children. Jennie was born in 1858, and is the widow of Witmer Lefever, deceased, who resided in Lancaster city; they had two sons, Ross and William. B. Barton was the next child. Ella was a twin sister to our subject, and is the wife of Edward Gaston, who resides in York City, Pa., and has a family of three children, as follows: Robert, Hyatt and Guy. Amy was born in June, 1868, and is the widow of Miller Smith, of Philadelphia, in which city she resides with her three children, Roy, Clara and Pascal. George was born in 1870, grew up and married a lady of New York, in which city they now reside. Ettie was born in 1872, and is the wife of Herbert Adams of Lancaster; she has one daughter, Leafy. Charles was born in 1875, and married Etta Helm, and they reside in Georgetown, where he is engaged in business; they have one daughter, Leta.

B. Barton Witmer was educated in the schools of Lancaster county, and, when a boy of sixteen years, he commenced work as a journeyman miller, working at that trade for seven years. In December, 1882, he married Miss Katie Anderson, of Lancaster county, and daughter of Robert and Sarah Anderson, old settlers of Lancaster, who were born in Ireland, and moved to this country fifty years ago. Mrs. Witmer was born in Lancaster county in 1863. After marriage Mr. Witmer lived on a farm near Drumore for four years. In 1887 he engaged in a small way as a general merchant and in the produce business, and from a small beginning he has become one of the leading dealers in the place, carrying a large stock of goods. In 1894 he built himself a fine brick house, modern in every respect. From a poor boy Mr. Witmer has become a man of importance in his community. He is well-to-do and prosperous in all his undertakings. He has two children: Sadie O., born Aug. 22, 1884, is a graduate of the High School and a bright young lady; Chester A., born Aug. 22, 1887, is a student in the home schools. In politics Mr. Witmer has always been identified with the Democratic party. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Witmer is a popular man in his town, and well thought of by all who know him.

**PHARES K. LANDIS** owns and operates a threshing machine in West Donegal township, where he is also engaged in general farming on the old parental homestead. He was born near Neffsville, Lancaster county, July 15, 1865, son of John F. and Magdalena (Keller) Landis, whose personal history forms the subject of an interesting sketch elsewhere.

Phares K. Landis was married Nov. 30, 1886, at the home of the bride in West Donegal township, to Lizzie L. Heisey. This union has been blessed with two children: Simon H., born July 10, 1889; and Lizzie H., born Sept. 12, 1892. Mrs. Lizzie L. Landis was born in West Donegal township, and is a sister of W. L. Heisey, of that township. Her parents, Jacob W. Heisey and Fanny Longenecker,



were married in Lancaster, in 1868, by Rev. J. J. Strine; her father lived to be almost ninety years of age.

Phares K. Landis spent his childhood and youth with his parents, and was afforded such educational privileges as their circumstances permitted. An alert and keen-eyed business man, he has made his way in the world, and holds a good position in the judgment of the public. In the spring of 1887 he began cultivating the parental homestead on his own responsibility. For the last twelve years he has operated two steam threshers with marked success. Mr. Landis is a member of the Mennonite Church. He takes no part in political affairs.

ABRAHAM L. LEAMAN, manufacturer of umbrellas and umbrella handles, ex-manufacturer of paints, and owner of one of the finest farms in East Lampeter township, was born in East Lampeter Feb. 16, 1853, and has been a resident of Lancaster since 1889.

Joseph and Mary (Landis) Leaman, his parents, were farming people during their active lives, in Lampeter. They were born Jan. 14, 1828, and Feb. 1, 1825, and died Oct. 8, 1857, and March 31, 1880, respectively. To them were born the following children: Lydia, who died at the age of eighteen; Mary A., who died at the age of nineteen; Benjamin F., who died when twenty-eight years of age; Abraham L.; and Joseph, a retired farmer and ex-merchant of Lancaster. The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Barbara Leaman, and the maternal grandparents were Abraham and Barbara Landis. Both of Mr. Leaman's grandfathers devoted their lives to farming and stockraising, the latter living on the well-known Landis farm, which has furnished a livelihood to so many bearing the name. The family of Landis is supposed to have originated in Switzerland; at least several generations of the family lived among the mountains and valleys of that country.

The youth of Abraham L. Leaman was spent in a manner not unlike that of the average farm reared boy, yet he was more ambitious than many, and when his duty to the family and home interests terminated when he became of age, he started out on a tour of inspection through Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. Finding no locality that offered inducements superior to his native surroundings, he returned to East Lampeter, and purchased what was known as the Evergreen Dairy Farm, of forty-seven acres, advantageously located on the Conestoga river, within easy access of the city, and now under a high state of cultivation—a vast improvement over its state at the time of purchase, at which time the price was \$300 per acre. There is a two and a half story brick house, besides the other well constructed buildings on the farm, and the implements and general appurtenances are of the most advanced kind to be found on the market.

After leaving the active management of his farm to other parties, Mr. Leaman engaged in the man-

ufacture of paint, conducting the Lancaster Paint Works in partnership with D. L. Harnish, in Lancaster, their factory being located at No. 338 North Charlotte street, the store on Center Square, in the old New Era building, formerly the old "Swan Hotel." Mr. Leaman continued thus until October, 1900, when he disposed of the business to S. M. Boyd & Co. He then retired until April, 1902, when he started a manufactory for umbrellas and umbrella handles, with a capital stock of \$12,000. This enterprise bids fair to meet with the success which has been characteristic of all Mr. Leaman's business efforts, which have placed him in a substantial position in the community of Lancaster. He was a charter member of the Lancaster Board of Trade, and of the Land & Development Company.

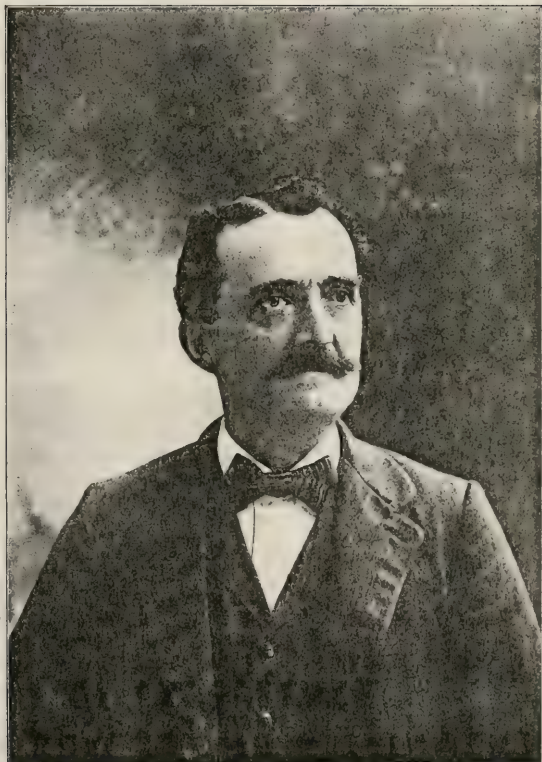
In October, 1881, Mr. Leaman married Anna Rohrer, daughter of Peter and Mary (Wissler) Rohrer, the former a farmer during his active life. He died in March, 1900, at the age of seventy-two, and Mrs. Rohrer, who was born in Clay township in 1836, is now living in Petersburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer had the following named children: Anna, Mrs. Leaman; Barbara E., wife of Edward Houser, of York, Pa.; Jacob W., a retired farmer of Petersburg; and P. Bachman, a farmer of East Petersburg. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Leaman were Jacob and Mary (Bachman) Rohrer, the former of whom was a veterinary surgeon known for miles around his home; and her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara Wissler, the former a farmer of Clay township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Leaman have six children: Mary R., born Dec. 17, 1882; Benjamin Franklin, Dec. 30, 1884; Ada R., Feb. 5, 1887; Anabel R., Sept. 5, 1893; Barbara N., Nov. 5, 1897; and Theodore Roosevelt, Dec. 2, 1901. Mr. Leaman and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is progressive and public-spirited, and takes a keen interest in many affairs outside his direct business. He has the faculty of making and keeping friends, and the advantage of a ready sympathy with all with whom he comes in contact. In political sympathy he is a Republican, but he is no office seeker.

B. WILLIS DENLINGER, who was born Feb. 10, 1867, on the farm in East Lampeter township where he now resides, is one of the younger agriculturists of his section of the county, but is rapidly working his way to the front as a progressive and thrifty man, fully awake to all the requisites of those who would be successful in his line.

Jacob Denlinger, the grandfather of B. Willis, was also a native of Lancaster county. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, but in the latter part of his life followed farming, in East Lampeter. He was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. He married Miss Mary Landis, and they were the parents of seven children, namely: Anna, deceased, wife of David Weaver; Martha, wife of Joseph Swartley, of Ohio; John L., deceased; Benjamin L.,







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deceased, who is mentioned below; Jacob, of Ohio; David, of Salunga, Pa.; and Mary, deceased wife of George Wisler.

Benjamin L. Denlinger was born in East Lampeter July 4, 1826. He lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age, in his youth attending the common schools, and began life for himself at farming, continuing same until he retired, in 1881. He died Sept. 26, 1894. Mr. Denlinger married Miss Catharine Harnish, who died Aug. 13, 1901. They became the parents of six children, namely: Susanna, who died in childhood; Jacob H., of East Lampeter; Lettie L., wife of Albert Rowland; Annie C., wife of Amos Hosteter; Mary E., wife of Jacob Weaver; and B. Willis. The parents were both members of the New Mennonite Church.

B. Willis Denlinger remained at home up to the time of his father's death, after which he purchased the old homestead place, and has followed farming almost exclusively. He was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county, and is a credit to the community in which his life has been passed, and to the honorable family to which he belongs. On Dec. 10, 1895, Mr. Denlinger wedded Miss Mary K. Keller, daughter of Isaac Keller, of Lancaster county. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Lettie M.

EDGAR HERR LEVAN, of No. 56 North Duke street, Lancaster, comes from very old Pennsylvania families in both paternal and maternal lines.

The progenitors of this branch of the Levans were three brothers, who came from France to America at the time of the great exodus of French Huguenots on account of religious persecution. These three brothers settled in Berks county, Pa., and from one of them Edgar H. Levan is descended. His grandfather, Isaac Newton Levan, was a hatter, and was the organizer and president of all the building associations of Reading. Edgar M. Levan, our subject's father, was born in Clarkson, Columbiana Co., Ohio, in what was known as the "Western Reserve," on Dec. 25, 1850, was admitted to the Berks county Bar in 1872, and at thirty-three years of age was nominated by the Democrats for district attorney of Berks county. His death, in August, 1890, in the fortieth year of his age, resulted from a railway accident. He was married Dec. 25, 1874, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Herr, sister of Col. D. H. Herr, the widely known patent attorney, who is a lineal descendant of Hans Herr, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania contemporaneously with William Penn. One child was born to Edgar M. and Ann Elizabeth (Herr) Levan, Edgar Herr.

Edgar H. Levan was born in Reading, Pa., Nov. 19, 1877. After studying in private schools in his native city he came to Lancaster, where he was graduated from the Boys' High School in 1893, taking the third honor. He graduated from the York Collegiate Institute in 1894, and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1898. Some time after

his graduation from college Mr. Levan entered as a student at law with C. Reese Eaby, Esq., but gave up his studies to accept a position with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. While at Franklin and Marshall College he took an active interest in the College Glee Club, and was its leader for one year. He is a fine pianist and organist, and was for two and a half years organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster. Socially Mr. Levan is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and religiously he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. The son of a brilliant father, and coming from a sturdy race on his mother's side, his future is certainly full of promise.

MICHAEL F. GABLE. At the tender age of three years Michael F. Gable, now one of the well-known, substantial citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, crossed the ocean with his parents from Germany—their native land—to seek in America the good fortune, which common report had ascribed to citizens of the New World. These parents were Michael and Margaret (Flat) Gable and the long journey was made in the year 1851. The father settled at once on Chestnut Hill, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and there passed the remainder of his years, living the life of the industrious vicinity, finding the occupation which brought comparative comfort and ease. He died in 1899, aged seventy years; and his faithful wife passed away in June, 1897, aged seventy-seven years. They were buried in the Catholic cemetery at Columbia. To Michael and Margaret Gable were born the following children: John, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Michael F.; Peter, who died in India; Margaret, wife of Henry Rearick, of West Hempfield township; Barbara, deceased; Mary, wife of Joseph Fonwall, a merchant of Harrisburg; Adam, who died young; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Michael F. Gable was born in Germany Nov. 2, 1847. He was reared in West Hempfield, receiving a good common-school education, but at the age of fifteen he began life in earnest by working on the banks, and on the surrounding farms. He remained at the home of his parents until he was twenty-five years of age.

On Oct. 14, 1873, in Lancaster, Michael F. Gable married Miss Clara E. Johns, who was born in Lancaster township, Nov. 9, 1855, daughter of Eli and Sarah (Goodwin) Johns, granddaughter of John and Eva Johns (natives of Germany and Lancaster county, respectively), and granddaughter on her maternal side of John and Amelia Goodwin, who were old residents of Lancaster county. Eli Johns, her father, fills a soldier's grave, dying in 1864, at the age of thirty-five years, while serving in a Pennsylvania regiment in the Civil war. His widow, who was born in 1831, still survives, a resident of Lancaster county; she is a member of the Mennonite Church.



The family of Eli and Sarah Johns consisted of the following children: Clara E., wife of Michael F. Gable; Elvina, wife of Abiah Wiker, a stone cutter of Witmer; John, who resides with his mother at Milton; Mary, at home; and Sadie, wife of George Brenner, a cigarmaker of Lancaster.

To Michael F. and Clara E. Gable were born a family of eight children, namely: Henry, Sarah A., Michael, Emma, Margaret, Flora, John and Charles. All are at home except Sarah A., the eldest daughter, who has married Daniel Dietz, a tanner, and lives in West Hempfield township.

After his marriage Michael F. Gable spent twelve years on the farm of Abra Mellinger in Manor township. He then moved to his present farm of twenty-eight acres in West Hempfield township, which he purchased in 1892 from Casper Teller, and he has since resided there, engaging in general farming, and by his good judgment and persistent effort winning a creditable success. In politics he is a Democrat. In public affairs he is a careful and patriotic citizen, and his many friends and acquaintances hold him in high respect and esteem.

**JACOB DURWARD FOX**, the proprietor and owner of the "Eagle Hotel" at Lampeter Square, West Lampeter township, was born near Steelville, in Sadsbury township, Oct. 12, 1858, a son of William and Eliza Lucretia (Williams) Fox. His father died in 1873, at the age of sixty-one years. In early life he was engaged in the butchering business, and was in the mercantile business in Atglen, Chester county, and also at Daleville, in the same county, for a number of years. He sold the store in his later days, and bought a farm of 144 acres near Steelville, which was known as the Gen. Steel farm, and here he lived and died. William Fox was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Kane, and two of her children are now living, Sarah J., the wife of David Siner, of Atglen; and Anna Margaret, the wife of James Philips, of Axford, Chester county. The second Mrs. Fox was Eliza Lucretia Williams, a native of Russellville, Chester county. She is still living at the age of sixty-three years, and is the mother of the following family: Jacob Durward, whose name introduces this article; Samuel Owen, a resident of Fogg's Manor, who married Katie McMullen, and is a hard-working and trustworthy man; William Bernard, an engineer of Philadelphia, who married Miss Alice Mahoney; Mahlon George, a farmer, who remains on the old farm, and is married to Miss Adeline Bitter; Phoebe Ella, wife of Henry Eckman, of Daleville, Chester county; and Mary Louisa, wife of Dennis Mahoney, a farmer of Steelville.

Jacob D. Fox was reared on the farm, and had his education in the public schools, and in Chestnut Hill Academy. When he was but a lad of fourteen years of age, he lost his father, and by virtue of the fact that he was the oldest boy, he was called upon to take the lead in the affairs of the farm, and his mother soon put its management into his hands, where it re-

mained. The young man spent a year in Ohio after he had attained his majority, and in 1880 he was married, locating in Steelville, and operating the farm on shares for a year. At the end of that time he established himself on a farm in Bart township, Lancaster county, where he rented a place of ninety acres. This he farmed for a year, and then returned to the home place, remaining until 1893, when he established himself on the Robert Sampson place in Coleman township. The following year Mr. Fox came to West Lampeter, and rented the hotel, which he has since conducted, and his management of which has shown great adaptability. He is a genial and companionable character, makes friends readily, is attentive and courteous to all his patrons, and has won a large circle of personal friends throughout this part of Lancaster county. In December, 1900, he was able to purchase the hotel at a good figure, and is rapidly becoming a successful and well-to-do citizen of the town.

Mr. Fox was married Oct. 27, 1880, to Miss Abbie Ann Dush, who was born May 23, 1860, a daughter of Henry and Sarah Dush, and they have become the parents of the following children: William Henry, born May 15, 1882; Ada Lucretia, born Aug. 21, 1886; and Mary Elizabeth, born July 7, 1889. Mr. Fox is a Democrat, and belongs to the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

**DEACON HENRY D. HELLER.** Many of the old and prominent families of Lancaster county have occupied the same lands for generations, and have established for themselves reputations for uprightness of life and prosperity in business which are synonyms for their names. Such is the case with the Heller family, of which Deacon Henry D. Heller is a worthy representative.

John Heller, his grandfather, a well-remembered prosperous farmer and large landowner, resided upon the farm which has passed into the possession of the heirs of the late Isaac D. Heller, his grandson. To John Heller and wife were born: John, the father of Deacon Heller; Peter, who lost his life through an accident, at the age of seventeen; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rohrer, the second time to Benjamin Leaman; Fanny, who married Abram Brubaker; Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Longenecker; and Mrs. Leaman.

John Heller, Jr., was born Nov. 4, 1808, and through an active life of over fifty years, made a lasting impress upon his family and neighborhood. Of more than usual intelligence, he embraced every educational advantage offered at that time in his locality, and he was always an ardent advocate for higher education. It was a great gratification to him that he was permitted to live to see the free school system firmly established, and his influence was ever given in favor of progress. Mr. Heller was called upon to serve as school director for years, and at the time of his death, which was greatly lamented, he was the wise and efficient director of the poor of the





township. On March 18, 1850, he passed from earth, and many were the expressions of sorrow at the loss of a good neighbor, a kind friend, a wise counsellor, and a devoted husband and father.

John Heller, Jr., was married to Annie Denlinger, and their children were: Abram, who married Eliza Landis, and died at the age of thirty-seven, leaving a son and a daughter; Isaac D., who was reared on the farm, and at the time of his death, July 25, 1900, was the owner of the old Heller homestead, in East Lampeter, and was thrice married, first to Barbara Stauffer (from which union three children were born), second, to Maria Landis (from which union one child was born, which died in infancy), and third, to Mary Buchwalter (who bore him two children, both of whom died in infancy); Mary, who married Henry Shreiner, a farmer of Manheim township; Annie, who married Samuel Elby, who lives retired in Upper Leacock township; Lizzie, who married Adam Landis, a retired farmer of Lancaster township; Hettie, who married Benjamin Hess, of Manheim township; John, who died in childhood; Henry D., of this sketch; and B. D., who was born Nov. 3, 1849, and received a good common-school education which was supplemented by study for some time at the Millersville Normal School, and thus prepared, engaged in teaching for three terms, and later married Anna Hess, a daughter of Samuel R. Hess, of Clay township, and the children born of this union are: Samuel, a practicing physician of Lancaster, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and who married Miss Emily, a daughter of Judge David McMullan, of Lancaster; Harvey, who is a teacher in the graded school of Oregon, Lancaster county, is a graduate from the Millersville Normal School, and is the present owner of the old homestead; Benjamin, who is a teacher in East Lampeter; Jacob; John; Laura; and Farke. The family are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Henry D. Heller was reared on the farm, and received excellent educational advantages, fully fitting him for the profession of teacher, but his inclinations, after one term of teaching, led him back to the farm. On Oct. 22, 1867, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Leaman, a daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Denlinger) Leaman, the former of whom died in June, 1859, since which time the mother has resided with her daughter. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Heller are: Annie, who married John H. Kreider, a farmer, has two children, Amos and Edna; Amanda, who married Newton G. Herr, has one daughter, Bertha; Lizzie, who married John Rohrer, has three sons, Harry, Elvin and Enos; Abram, who married Anna Denlinger, has one son, Clarence; Enos; and J. Henry is at home. Immediately after marriage, Mr. Heller took charge of the farm of his deceased brother, Abram, and continued to operate it until in 1873, when he purchased his present farm, located in East Lampeter, consisting of 55 acres. The original dwelling house still stands, but since taking charge of this place, Mr. Heller has been continually

making improvements, and it ranks well with any other in the township. In 1801 he purchased a second farm of seventy-five acres in the same township, formerly his grandfather's land. The standing of Deacon Heller is very high in the community where he is recognized as one of the leading men. In October, 1876, under Rev. Benjamin Herr, Henry D. Heller was ordained a deacon, in the Old Mennonite Church, and in that office has served ever since, with faithfulness and fidelity, worthily upholding an old and justly honored name.

ELAM SHEETZ MYERS, a general farmer in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, takes rank with the intelligent and progressive young agriculturists of the present day, and is engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead on which he was born Jan. 20 1878. He is a son of Christ H. and Anna (Sheetz) Myers, who are mentioned elsewhere.

Elam Sheetz Myers and Emma J. Weiser were united in marriage Nov. 12, 1896, the ceremony being performed at Mr. Joy, Pa. To this union have been born two sons, Earl W. and Lloyd W. Mrs. Emma J. (Weiser) Myers is a charming and attractive young woman, of good judgment and a kindly disposition, and is very popular in her neighborhood. She was born in East Donegal township Jan. 30, 1876, daughter of John E. and Hannah M. (Stumm) Weiser, who were married in York county in 1869. Her parents had the following children: Sarah B., who is living at home unmarried; Emma J., Mrs. Myers; and Catherine, Wilbert, Daisy and Paul, all at home. The father, John E. Weiser, has been a farmer all his days, and has made a substantial place for himself as an industrious and trustworthy man. He came to Lancaster county in 1874, and here has remained to the present time, in 1889 settling on the farm where he is now found. In political sentiment he is a Republican. Mrs. Hannah M. Weiser was born in Lancaster county in 1850, daughter of John and Sarah (Custard) Stumm, who lived in Lancaster county, and moved into York county in 1860. They were farming people.

Elam S. Myers remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on his present farm, a small but productive place of forty-three acres, and he is known as a capable and thrifty young farmer. In politics he is a Republican.

OLIVER H. SHENK, proprietor of the only feldspar and flint rock quarries in southeastern Pennsylvania, resides in Manor township, Lancaster county, four miles west of Lancaster city. He was born in this county March 23, 1873, son of Christian K. and Annie (Hiedler) Shenk, and was reared in West Hempfield township, receiving his education in the public schools and the Northwest Secondary School.

On May 10, 1895, Mr. Shenk began business on his own account as a dealer in flint rock and feldspar,



and now employs about twenty-five men in his several quarries. His output he disposes of in various States, to manufacturers of porcelain or so-called chinaware, shipping to such concerns as the Standard Flint & Spar Company, of Frenchtown, N. J., the Golden Sons, of Trenton, N. J., the Eureka Flint & Spar Company, of the same city, and the Columbia (Pa.) Flint & Spar Company. His shipments reach eight carloads per week, and his main quarries extend across the line into the States of Maryland and Delaware. In addition to his quarrying business Mr. Shenk handles large quantities of clover seed, in which he has a very remunerative trade. He also does quite a business supplying the Lancaster Trolley Company with poles and ties, which he obtains in central Pennsylvania, principally in Cumberland county.

Mr. Shenk was united in marriage, Nov. 5, 1896, with Miss Lizzie Hostetter, the only child of Ephraim and Mary (Charles) Hostetter and to this union has come one son, born Dec. 22, 1897, who died Aug. 9, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Shenk are members of the Mennonite Church, and both are active workers in the Sabbath-school. They occupy a modern residence at Keadyville, one of the most delightful in the county, erected in 1896, and Mr. Shenk is recognized as one of the most enterprising young men in the county of Lancaster.

Ephraim Hostetter, father of Mrs. Shenk, was born in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Jan. 7, 1853, was a prosperous and highly respected farmer, and died Dec. 22, 1878, in the faith of the Mennonite Church, leaving his widow with her only child, now Mrs. Oliver H. Shenk.

**BENJAMIN B. HARNISH.** Much of the fertile farming land of the great State of Pennsylvania is located in Lancaster county, and the well tilled farms are owned and occupied by agriculturists who have made farming a life business, and have succeeded in developing the land to its greatest capacity and in accumulating comfortable fortunes.

Among the resident farmers of East Hempfield township is Benjamin B. Harnish, the eldest son of Levi Harnish, who was born on a farm in West Hempfield township, Jan. 28, 1848, and was there reared a farmer boy, obtaining his education in the district schools of his locality. Until the age of twenty-two he remained at home, but at that time decided to engage in business for himself, selecting the excellent tract of almost fifty-three acres upon which he is located in East Hempfield township, two miles west of Rohrerstown. Upon this place our subject began immediately to make improvements which have resulted in much added value to the land, and have made it yield well, and here he carries on general farming.

In November, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of Benjamin B. Harnish to Martha M. Musselman, a daughter of Christain Musselman, a native of East Hempfield township. To this union have been

born children as follows: Ida, who married Henry Sauder, of Landisville; Sarah, who married Grant Noll, of this township; Benjamin, who married Mary Herr, of East Hempfield; Martha M., who married Isaac Seachrist, a miller of West Hempfield; Leah, who married Albert Myers, of Mountville; Fannie, at home; Annie; Maggie; Mary; and Lizzie. This family has been well reared and given Christian teaching and example, the mother and several of the daughters being connected with the Old Mennonite Church, and one of the daughters has become a member of the United Brethren denomination. Benjamin B. Harnish is highly esteemed by his neighbors, and is considered one of the representative citizens of the township where he has lived so long.

**THOMAS S. HOOD,** for over ten years the freight and passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at New Holland, Lancaster county, was born at Fort Concho, Texas, June 27, 1860, a son of Gen. Charles C. and Louisa (Skinner) Hood, the former a native of Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, and the latter of Woodstock, Connecticut.

General Hood was born in 1841, and served through the Civil War, where he was twice wounded. His services in the army have been continuous since he entered. He participated in the Spanish-American War and on the Texas frontiers. At Ponce, Porto Rico, he was the military commander, 1898 and 1899, and held a most responsible position. He was appointed by Maj. Gen. Otis as the first military governor in the Philippines, having charge of three large provinces, with headquarters at Aparri, serving three years, 1899-1902. On Oct. 18, 1902, he was appointed a Brigadier General, United States Army. Mrs. Louisa Hood died in St. Louis, May 31, 1875, at the age of thirty years. She was the mother of the following children: Thomas S.; Anita and Sarah, who both died young. General Hood was a second time married, Frances A. Skinner becoming his wife. To this union came the following children: Charles, deceased; Marion, who is making her home with her mother; and Evangeline, who is also at home.

The father of General Hood was Thomas Hood, a lawyer by profession and born in Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio. For many years he held a position at Washington as judge of claims. He had previously served as Judge of County Court at Madison, Wis., and as Senator in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Thomas S. Hood was married April 17, 1901, in Lancaster county, to Catherine Kinzer, a daughter of the late W. W. Kinzer, whose biography may be found on another page. A daughter, Dorothy, was born July 3, 1902, at New Holland.

Mr. Hood was reared in the various forts where his father was stationed, and when old enough began his education in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and finished at Central High School, Philadelphia, which institution he left in 1887 to take a





position with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Devon, Pa., from which he was later removed to Coatesville, to take a place as a clerk in the freight office. He came to New Holland, July 5, 1892, to take the position as freight and passenger agent, where he displayed abilities of a high order, and was regarded as one of the best men in the service of the company. On Aug. 1, 1902, Mr. Hood was further promoted to represent the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the important position of freight agent in the famous iron manufacturing town of Coatesville, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hood belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Knights Templar Commandery, No. 43, of Lancaster. In his politics he is a Republican.

**JACOB J. LAMPARTER.** The name of Lamparter in Lancaster was originally connected with the pioneer glue industry of the town, an enterprise still controlled and managed by members of this substantial German-American family. Other avenues of activity have latterly been invaded by those bearing the name, chief among these being Jacob J. Lamparter, retired glue manufacturer, and at present a large land owner, engaged in the real-estate and building business. He was born in the ancestral home in Wurtemberg, Germany, a son of Everhart and Elizabeth (Helt) Lamparter, natives of the same German principality.

Everhart Lamparter came to America in 1853, and located in Lancaster, where he started the glue business, to which he devoted the rest of his life. From a comparatively small beginning he increased the capacity of his manufactory to meet the demand created by his excellent commodity, and thus came to rank among the commercial adjuncts of his locality. He died in 1860, at the age of sixty-one years, and was survived by his wife until 1898, she dying at the age of eighty-eight years; they are buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. They were the parents of the following named children: George, who is engaged in manufacturing glue at the old factory; Jacob J.; Lizette, unmarried and living in Washington, D. C.; Amelia, who died at the age of fifty years; Pauline, unmarried and living in Lancaster; Judith, widow of Eugene Bauer, of Lancaster; Everhart, one of the managers of his father's glue business; Henry, deceased; and Sabina, Mrs. Mertz, deceased.

Jacob J. Lamparter was eleven years of age when the family came to America, and the greater part of his training and education was therefore on American lines. As there were so many children in the family he was obliged to shift for himself, and owing to the limitations of the factory he sought employment elsewhere. At the age of twenty he entered the factory, and remained for nearly thirty-seven years, or until the death of his mother, in 1898, since which time he has bought and sold property, and accomplished considerable building in

different parts of the city. He is the owner of ten pieces of property, and is a very successful and wide-awake business man.

By his marriage to Margaretta Arnold Mr. Lamparter became connected with a French and German family, the parents of Mrs. Lamparter being John and Margaret (Eppinger) Arnold, the former, formerly a brewer of Lancaster, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lamparter have had children as follows: Harry, who served as a soldier in the Philippines; Everhart, a coach trimmer of Lancaster (married to Gertrude Weidle); Reinhold, a blacksmith of Easton, Pa.; Walter, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Dorothea; Amelia; Judith; Charles; and Jacob, the five last mentioned living at home. Mr. Lamparter is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Seven Wise Men. In politics he is a Republican. He is prominent in the community, and is recognized as one of its most enterprising, up-to-date and resourceful citizens.

**CHRISTIAN GOOD REESE,** who is engaged in the brick making business and in the handling of ice in Elizabethtown, is one of the leading brick men of this section, putting on the market yearly more than a million brick, largely used in building and in sewer construction. He was born in Elizabethtown Sept. 10, 1858, a son of Samson D. Reese, whose biography is presented elsewhere.

Christian G. Reese was reared in his native community, and May 12, 1898, was married in Baltimore, Md., to Miss Bertha F. Weirs, by whom he has had two children, Maud W., and Marian M.

Mrs. Bertha F. Reese was born near Baltimore, July 25, 1874, a daughter of Henry and Amanda J. Weirs. Her parents were born in Maryland, where they were married, and they were engaged in farming. Her father, who died in 1896, was seventy-two years old. For many years he was a justice of the peace, and was very successful in all his enterprises. Her mother, who was born in 1836, is now living in Baltimore. She was the mother of the following children: William, a train despatcher, at Baltimore; John, of Sparrows Point, Md.; Thomas, a telegraph operator at Sherwood, Md.; Alfred, deceased; Laura, who married C. W. Shipley, Jr., an engineer on the N. C. Railroad, with a home at Baltimore; and Bertha F., wife of Mr. Reese.

Christian G. Reese remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, when he took a position as a bookkeeper with the Miller Fifth Wheel Manufacturing Co., at Elizabethtown, which he held for two years, and then embarked upon his present business career. The brick yard which he is now operating, he purchased from J. C. Keener, and in its management he has attained a very large success, making a name and a standing for himself that bespeaks his integrity, ability and business sense.

Mr. Reese is a member of A. O. K. M. C., and belongs to the Reformed Church. In his politics he



is a Republican, and for the past four years has been a member of the board of health. Mr. Reese prepared for that business career in which he has been so successful by taking a full commercial course in the Byrant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo, N. Y., where he went at the age of fifteen years, and from which he was graduated with a high standing. He is one of the leading men of his home town, and is justly regarded as one of the representative citizens of this county.

**WILLIAM C. GRUBE**, secretary and director of the poor of Lancaster county, was born at Blue Ball, this county, Oct. 10, 1872, son of Martin H. Grube, a prominent citizen of Lancaster county. The children born to Martin H. Grube were William C. and a brother now residing at New Holland, an extensive sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

William C. Grube was reared in the county of his birth, attending the common schools of his district, and later had the advantage of a course at Peck's Business College, and also went to Valentine's Shorthand & Telegraphic School, from which he was graduated in 1893. He accepted his present position March 27th of the same year, since which time he has faithfully and satisfactorily performed his duties, with credit to himself.

On Nov. 14, 1894, Mr. Grube was married, in Blue Ball, to Miss Clara Kurtz, and two children have been born to this union: Helen M. and J. Franklin. Mrs. Grube was born at Blue Ball, Pa., Oct. 19, 1872, daughter of John G. and Anna (Musser) Kurtz. John G. Kurtz is a prominent farmer of East Earl township, Lancaster county, and was graduated from the Normal School at Millersville. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several local offices. Both he and his most estimable wife are earnest members of the Mennonite Church.

Mr. Grube is a member of the F. & A. M., being a Knight Templar, and also holds membership in the B. P. O. E., of which he is esquire. He and Mrs. Grube are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are very active, and of which they are liberal supporters. In political matters Mr. Grube is a strong Republican, and is very prominent in local affairs. He is one of the leading young men of the city, enterprising, thrifty, ready to grasp every opportunity offered, not only for the furtherment of his private affairs, but also those calculated to prove beneficial to the city and county, and in his position he has been of great service to the authorities, his judgment and discrimination being exercised to produce the best results to all parties.

**MAHLON ERB**. One of the well-known as well as most highly esteemed citizens of Mount Nebo, Lancaster county, is Mahlon Erb, a retired farmer of Martic township, who with his estimable wife lives in ease and plenty in this pleasant village, after a life of prudent industry. He was born in Conestoga township, this county, Dec. 13, 1848, son

of John and Maria (Whitmer) Erb, both natives of Lancaster county, the former of whom was born in West Lampeter township Aug. 25, 1814, and died Dec. 31, 1894.

Jacob Erb, grandfather of Mahlon, was the founder of the Erb family in Lancaster county. The children of Jacob Erb were: Jacob, Rudolph, John, Samuel, Joseph, David, Rachel, Susan, all of whom lived lives of probity and respectability and many of them left numerous descendants.

John Erb was married Aug. 13, 1840, to Maria Whitmer. Their children, twelve in number, were: Susan, who resides on the home place; Amaziah, deceased; Annie E., deceased; John, deceased; Mahlon; Amanda, deceased; Henry, a merchant in Mount Nebo, Pa.; Mary Jane, who resides on the home place; Emanuel, deceased; Clayton, the farmer on the home estate; Frank, a miller in Martic township; and William W., a successful young farmer of this locality.

Mahlon Erb grew up on the farm, and has always been devoted to an agricultural life. As soon as he had finished his education in the public schools he chose farming as his vocation and has industriously followed the same through many years. On March 26, 1868, Mahlon Erb was united in marriage to Miss Emma Achison, who was a daughter of Cunningham and Anna (Markley) Achison, her birth occurring in Drumore township May 27, 1848. To this marriage have been born five children: Annie, who is the wife of Amos Patton, of Columbia; Oscar, a farmer of Conestoga township, who married Elvina Beckwelder; Mahlon C., farming on the home farm, who married Mary Railing; Robert, who married Letitia McLaughlin, and is farming at Mount Nebo; and Alma, at home.

Mahlon Erb owns a well-cultivated and improved farm of ninety-three acres, and also a smaller farm with comfortable buildings. To younger hands he has resigned the cares of active life. Both he and wife are consistent members of the New Mennonite Church, and throughout the community they are held in high esteem.

**ISAAC N. HILDEBRAND** conducts one of the largest butchering businesses in Lancaster county, and, though yet a young man, ranks high in commercial circles. He is a grandson of Jacob Hildebrand, who lived and died in Strasburg, this county, but little is known of him by his grandson except that he was quite a politician and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years.

Jacob Hildebrand, the father of Isaac N., was born in West Lampeter township about 1814, and passed his early life in his native place, receiving his education in the local schools. In 1861 he ran away from home and enlisted in Co. K, 70th P. V. I. He married Miss Fannie Harmon, daughter of Samuel Harmon, of Willowstreet, and they became the parents of seven children: Susan, wife of David Good, of Quarryville; William, of Lampeter township;





Isaac N.; Lillie and John, both of whom died in childhood; Miss Mary, who lives at home; and Jacob, at home.

Isaac N. Hildebrand was born in Willowstreet April 3, 1871, and lived at home with his parents until he was about twenty-two years of age, in the meantime receiving his education in the common schools of the county. On March 18, 1894, he married Miss Lizzie Hoffman, of Hanover, York Co., Pa., and then began life for himself, engaging in the butcher business, which he had learned from his father. He has been very successful, and has built up a thriving business, which has become one of the largest in Lancaster county, and he is regarded by all who have had dealings with him as one of the substantial men of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have had one child, a daughter, who died in infancy.

**J. EDWARD SHOMIER.** As secretary and treasurer of The Keeley Stove Co., one of the prosperous industries of Columbia, Mr. Shomier leads an active and influential life. He was born at Columbia, July 17, 1868, son of John and Mary (Zellers) Shomier, and grandson of John and Mary Shomier, Wurttemberg, Germany.

John Shomier, when about twenty years of age, migrated with his parents from Germany to Columbia, Pa. About the same time Mary Zellers migrated from the Fatherland to America, and also located at Columbia where her marriage to John Shomier occurred. He died in 1860, at the age of thirty-six years; she survived until 1888, passing away at the age of fifty-eight years. Four children were born to John and Mary (Zellers) Shomier; Anna, deceased; John, deceased; Mary, who married George Tille, manager of Lippincott's Wholesale Grocery House; and J. Edward.

J. Edward Shomier was reared and educated in Columbia, was graduated from the Columbia high school, and soon after his school days ended, began his career in the present factory of The Keeley Stove Co. Six years later he was elected to the office of secretary of the Company, and several years thereafter became also its treasurer, when these two offices were combined under one head. He has been filling these offices uninterruptedly ever since, and as an officer of the company he has been careful, industrious and progressive.

In 1896, at Columbia, Mr. Shomier married Cecilia Westerman, a native of Columbia, daughter of John and Mary Catherine (Metzger) Westerman. Her father was born in Fruitville, Lancaster county, Oct. 26, 1854, son of Leopold and Anna (Wagner) Westerman, and grandson of Mathias Westerman, who about 1850 emigrated with two of his nine children to America and settled in Lancaster county. Leopold Westerman was a carpenter and contractor, and died in Lisbon, Iowa. John Westerman, when a lad of fourteen years, entered the butcher shop of Milton Wike in Columbia, with whom he remained

six years. He then started in business for himself, and now owns a large establishment. He is identified with various business interests, and is one of the most prominent public men of Columbia. In politics a Democrat, he was appointed postmaster during President Cleveland's second term, and has filled various local offices. Of his four children, Mrs. Shomier is the second. To Mr. and Mrs. Shomier have been born two children: John and Mary.

Mr. Shomier is a Democrat and is prominent in business, social and political circles. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has prospered in business, and though yet comparatively young in years ranks among the foremost citizens of Columbia. He is a member of the local board of education, having been elected to represent the Fourth ward, which is very largely Republican. Mr. Shomier is assistant secretary of the Columbia Hospital Association, and a member of the board of managers of that institution.

**HENRY G. GARBER,** the well-known proprietor of Sunrise Farm in Manor township, Lancaster county, two miles west of the city of Lancaster, was born in West Hempfield township, the same county, March 7, 1863, a son of Andrew and Susan (Greider) Garber. He was reared on the old homestead, and the education acquired in the public schools of that locality was supplemented by two terms' attendance at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. On leaving school he took up the occupation of farming, conducting the home farm of 120 acres for ten years, and in 1898 located upon his present farm in Manor township, consisting of twenty-nine acres, upon which he has made many improvements, so that it is now one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. Mr. Garber is successfully engaged in general farming and dairying. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen gives his influence to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Garber was united in marriage with Miss Frances Leonard, who was born near Millersville, in Manor township, Feb. 18, 1867, and they have become the parents of two sons: Harry, born Oct. 10, 1888; and Charles, born Oct. 19, 1891. The wife and mother is a consistent member of the Trinity Reformed Church.

Abraham Leonard, Mrs. Garber's father, was born in Manor township, Jan. 31, 1833, a son of Abraham and Annie (Rinehart) Leonard, and a grandson of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lutz) Leonard. Soon after his marriage Frederick Leonard left home for the purpose of entering the service in the war of 1812, and what became of him after that is unknown, as all trace of him was lost. He left only one child, Abraham Leonard, grandfather of Mrs. Garber, who was a farmer by occupation and a member of the River Brethren in Christ. He died





in May, 1898, at an advanced age, and his wife, who was a native of Lancaster county, died in 1851. In their family were eight children, namely: George, a retired resident of Middletown, Ohio; Abraham, father of Mrs. Garber; Levi, deceased; Frederick, a cigar manufacturer of Mountville, Lancaster county; David, a farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; John, a farmer of the same township; William and Jacob, both deceased. Mrs. Garber's father was reared and educated in his native township, and at the age of twenty-three began farming for himself and continued to follow that occupation until 1892, when he retired from active labor. He married Miss Fannie Johns, a daughter of John and Eve (Benedict) Johns, and in 1885 he purchased a small tract of land on which they resided until her death, which occurred in August, 1891, when she was fifty-four years of age. Of the four children born to them, the oldest, a son, died in infancy; Aldus married a daughter of John Brown, of Columbia, Pa.; Milton is a resident of Manor township; and Frances is the wife of Henry G. Garber. Mr. Leonard has been a life-long Democrat in politics, and in religious belief is a Lutheran.

ABRAHAM M. ZIMMERMAN, one of the worthy and energetic young business men of New Holland, Lancaster county, the proprietor of The New Holland Machine Works—manufacturing as a specialty the Cob & Feed Mills—comes of German origin, his grandfather, John Zimmerman having founded the family, near Martindale, Pa., where he became a prominent farmer and the father of these children: Susannah, who married Isaac Martin, of Goodville, Pa.; Martin, the father of the subject of this biography; Israel, a farmer near Terre Hill, Pa.; and Mary, of Earl township.

Martin W. Zimmerman, a thrifty farmer of Earl township, married Anna Martin, and they became the parents of eight children: Aaron, an Earl township farmer; Eli, also a farmer of Earl township; Abraham M.; Martha, wife of J. H. Sensenig, a jeweler of New Holland; Adam, a machinist; Martin, a farmer; George, a farmer, and Moses, at home.

Abraham M. Zimmerman was born July 31, 1869, and was reared on the farm, although his natural inclinations were in another direction. His education was acquired in the common schools of Earl township, but as early as fourteen years he decided to become a machinist. By the time he was nineteen years old he started to serve his apprenticeship, and the following three years were spent in Lancaster. In 1895 he came to New Holland, and the same year organized his present flourishing business, starting with a repair shop, working himself, while his brother Adam began to learn the trade. Later, he merged his business into a manufacturing plant, a great demand having been created for his specialty, the New Holland Cob & Feed Mill, and at present the factory is running with full force of twenty-one men in order to fill the orders for these

valuable machines and also for his improved gasoline engines. That he has succeeded so well is due to his energy and perseverance, as he began his business career with little financial assistance.

In 1893 Abraham M. Zimmerman was married to Miss Lizzie Martin, a daughter of J. B. Martin, of New Holland, and to this union have been born two children: Annie E., and Ivan M. In his political belief, Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican, and is a consistent and valued member of the Mennonite Church. Possessing all the qualifications for good citizenship, he well represents the best type of resident of Earl township, where he is universally esteemed.

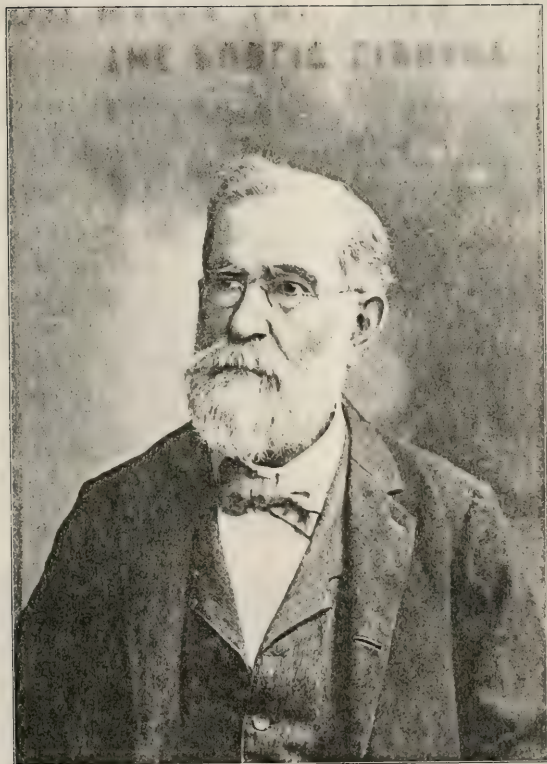
PEARSON E. GRUGER, of the firm of Gruger & Moeding, South Queen street, Lancaster, dealers in stone work for cemetery and buildings, has been engaged in business in that city for almost forty years.

The family is of Huguenot descent. Peter Gruger, the grandfather of Pearson E., died when his son Adam (Pearson E. Gruger's father) was only ten years old. Adam Gruger was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in June, 1808, and learned the saddler's trade, following it for a number of years. He also engaged in coach trimming. He belonged to the Reformed Church, and was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Lodge of Masons, long since disbanded. He died in February, 1891, at the age of eighty-two years. In 1833 he married Hannah Sallada, a daughter of John and Martha (Vohr) Sallada, who was born in 1815, and died in 1897.

Pearson E. Gruger was born in Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 1, 1834, but when a boy came to Lancaster with his parents, and attended the public schools there, finishing his education at the old Franklin College (now Franklin and Marshall College), then located on North Lime street, Lancaster. At seventeen years of age he became apprenticed to marble cutting with Major Charles M. Howell, remaining with him five years. For the next six years he worked in Philadelphia, and then returned to Lancaster, where he has since engaged in business, supplying granite, marble and other stone work for buildings and monumental work. His work is found in some of the notable structures of the city. The business, of which he is the senior proprietor, is located at No. 25 South Queen street, and is a large one; the marble works are located in the rear of the mansion erected by the Metzger family over one hundred years ago.

On May 20, 1858, Mr. Gruger married Rebecca, daughter of the late Philip Metzger, and eight children were born to this union, as follows: Charles, Florence (who died in infancy), Margaret, William, Francis, Walter, Catherine and Harry. Mrs. Gruger died Jan. 9, 1875, aged thirty-eight years. On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Gruger married Miss Salome, daughter of the late David Nauman. Mr. and Mrs. Gruger are members of Trinity Reformed Church.





W. E. Granger





of Columbia, and for many years Mr. Gruger was an elder. He is active, useful and prominent in everything with which he connects himself. In politics he is an independent Republican. Possessed of more than ordinary intelligence, he is favorably known to every one in the community, and his record in public and private life is irreproachable. Mr. Gruger is a designer and sculptor of some note, and his work has always and everywhere been most favorably received. He is now the oldest active member of his craft in the city, venerable Major Howell having long since retired from active business.

**ROBERT K. WOOD.** One of the promising young farmers of Little Britain township, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of the citizens of his community, is Robert K. Wood, a representative of one of the leading families of southern Lancaster county. He was born Oct. 6, 1873, a son of Jesse and Maggie (Killough) Wood. His home has always been on the farm owned by Abner Carter, near Wood's chrome mines, and since 1871 operated by his father, Jesse Wood. His education was obtained in the public school at Eastland, the Friends' Normal Institute of Rising Sun, Md., and a three months' course in agriculture at Pennsylvania State College. Since 1897 he has been a member of the school board of Little Britain township, since March, 1899, serving as its secretary. His political affiliations have ever been with the Republican party, and he is a member of the religious society of Friends, to which all of his paternal ancestors have belonged since settling in America.

Robert K. Wood was married, Dec. 18, 1901, to Hanna M., daughter of Robert A. and Lucretia M. (Fisher) Way, of Stormstown, Centre Co., Pennsylvania.

Jesse Wood, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Feb. 26, 1810, a son of James and Mercy M. (Carter) Wood. He is a prominent and thrifty farmer in Little Britain township, a member of the Society of Friends, and in politics, a Republican. On Dec. 19, 1872, he was married to Maggie Killough, of Fulton township. The only child of this union was Robert K. of this biography.

James Wood, father of Jesse and grandfather of Robert K., was born in Little Britain township, July 17, 1821, and was married Feb. 26, 1845, to Mercy M. Carter, also of Little Britain township. The children of this union were: Alfred, a farmer of Fulton township, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; Susan, wife of Elwood H. Townsend, whose sketch elsewhere appears in this volume; Jesse; Mary, deceased wife of Davis E. Allen; Lucretia, wife of John W. Smedley, a retired farmer of Chester county; Lewis, a farmer of Little Britain township, mentioned elsewhere; Ida, who died in young womanhood; and James, a farmer of Little Britain, who is also mentioned elsewhere in this volume. James Wood was one of the leading

men of the county. Not only was he a successful farmer but he was also a financier and man of affairs, he was president of the Farmers National Bank of Oxford from its incorporation to the time of his death, and at one time was commissioner of Lancaster county. As a member of the Society of Friends his influence was wide spread. Few men in the county took a more intelligent interest in the Republican party than he. He died Aug. 6, 1894.

James Wood was a son of Jesse and Sidney (Yarnell) Wood, of this county. Jesse Wood was a prominent farmer and mill-wright of his day. He was a son of Joseph Wood, a son of Thomas Wood, the founder of this branch of the Wood family in America. In the days of William Penn, Thomas Wood came to America to secure religious freedom, and was an important member of a colony of Quakers who settled near Philadelphia. The peaceful and law-abiding influence of this religious body still pervades the locality, and counts many of the best citizens among the members of the Society of Friends.

About 1760 Joseph Wood came from York county and settled on a farm in West Nottingham township, Chester Co., Pa., now owned by his great-grandson, Jesse Wood, the father of Robert K., of this sketch. Here he raised a family of eight children: Thomas, Joseph, Jesse, Lydia, Elizabeth, David, John and Day, several of whom afterward settled in neighboring parts of Lancaster county. All became agriculturists and this has been the family occupation in every generation.

Maggie K. Wood, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 6, 1810, a daughter of Robert and Sidney (Hoopes) Killough, of Fulton township. Robert Killough was a farmer, and enjoyed the high esteem of the community, serving several years in various township offices. He was born Aug. 12, 1812, a son of John and Margaret (Porter) Killough, and always occupied the farm on which he was born. On Jan. 2, 1845, he married Sidney Hoopes, of Fulton township. The children of this union were John, a hardware merchant of Clinton, Ill.; Mary M., who died Sept. 15, 1885; Maggie, wife of Jesse Wood, and mother of Robert K.; Phianna, wife of Leander O. Wright, a farmer of Fulton township, who now owns and occupies the Killough homestead; Jane E., wife of C. W. Moore, proprietor of Clinton greenhouses, Clinton, Ill., but formerly of Fulton township; Phebe Roberta, living with her sister Phianna; and Elmer E., of Clinton, Ill. Robert Hoopes died Jan. 5, 1886, and his wife, Sidney, on March 1, 1890.

**LEWIS BACHMAN.** Mr. Bachman was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, on May 15, 1851. Since reaching the age of twenty-three, with the exception of two years spent in farming, he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His first service for that corporation was rendered in the capacity of brakeman and he has



risen, through the grade of flagman, to be conductor, having been appointed to that position in 1884. He is one of the company's most valued men, bringing to the discharge of his duties a keen intelligence and an unwavering fidelity. He is one of the Knights of Malta, and in political faith, a Democrat.

His father was Samuel S. Bachman, and his mother's maiden name was Ann E., daughter of John Rockey. Samuel S. was the son of George Bachman, who married a Miss Bingham, and spent his life in Lancaster county. He himself was a wheelwright and wagon maker, and a devout member of the M. E. Church, as was also his life. Samuel died in 1864, aged sixty-two years, and his wife, Lewis Bachman's mother, in 1878, shortly before reaching the age of three score. They were the parents of five children, of whom Lewis was the fourth in order of birth. Mary E., deceased, the eldest daughter, married John L. Garner. Delinda is the widow of John M. Piebel, of Bart township. Martin R., the third child, and first son, died in 1875. The youngest child was Uriah, now a Lancaster county farmer.

Mr. Bachman was married, on Jan. 2, 1873, to Martha M. Stauffer, the ceremony being solemnized by Rev. W. O. Owen, at Colerain. She was born in Eden township, on Feb. 6, 1853. Her father was Jacob Stauffer, the son of John and Barbara Stauffer, and her mother, before marriage, was Anna Landis, whose father's name was Peter. Jacob Stauffer was a miller, and died in 1887, having been born in 1817. Mrs. Stauffer died in Jan. 1878, in her sixty-third year. Their children were five in number; Maria, Henry, Barbara, Susan and Martha, the youngest two being twins. Barbara is deceased, and Susan is the wife of Jacob Shelly, of Eden township.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bachman. Harry, the eldest, married Lona Budding, and resides in Columbia. Lizzie is the wife of James Miller, of the same place. Charles is a telegraph operator at Hathororough. In April, 1899, he was married to Margaret, daughter of John and Mary Plank, of Lancaster City. The younger children, Amos R., Edwin, Anna, Mary L. and Clara, live at home with their parents.

LEVI H. HAVERSTICK (deceased) was born in Manor township, Sept. 20, 1850, a son of Levi and Catherine (Hostetter) Haverstick. The parents reside in Manor township, but were born and reared in East Donegal township. Their history appears on another page, and the name of J. M. Haverstick, a brother, also appears elsewhere.

Levi H. Haverstick was married Dec. 24, 1875, in Manor township, to Anna B. Miller, by whom he has had the following children: Benjamin M., single, and at home; Lizzie and Mary, both unmarried, and at home; Anna, deceased; Gertrude B., and Levi H., also at home.

Mrs. Anna B. (Miller) Haverstick was born in Manor township, and is a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Miller, both of whom were born and reared in Manor township. Her father passed an honorable and useful life on the old home farm until 1890, when he died at the age of seventy years. His remains were interred in a private cemetery on the farm. His widow, who was born in 1826, now resides in Manor township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Their family was as follows: Barbara, who is dead; Lizzie, deceased, married J. E. Witmer, of York county; Anna B., whose name appears above; Mary, at home, unmarried; Benjamin K., married and living on the home farm.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna B. Haverstick were Abraham and Mary Miller; they were farming people of Lancaster county, and stood very high in the community in which they passed their lives. Her maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Anna (Myers) Kauffman, also farming people.

Levi H. Haverstick remained with his parents until his marriage, when he established himself on the farm where his family may still be found. It consists of 118 acres, and has been maintained in a high state of cultivation. With his wife, he belonged to the Mennonite Church, and both were recognized as among the solid and substantial people of the county. In politics he was a Republican, and in his life time was regarded as an influential citizen. The widow has operated the farm, but gives the farm dairy over to the management of her son. They reside near Mt. Joy, and are associated with the best elements of that section of Lancaster county.

JOHN T. WEBER. Among the well-known educators of Lancaster county is John T. Weber, who belongs to one of the oldest and most honored families of this portion of the State of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Weber, lived and died in Earl township, where he engaged in farming and also building, being a practical mechanic. Some of the first corn shellers used in Earl township were built by him. Jacob Weber was also a minister in the Old Mennonite Church. His marriage to Miss Esther Musser connected him with another of the old settled families of Lancaster county, and resulted in the birth of eight children: Henry, a farmer in Indiana; John M., a farmer in West Earl township, in this county; Jacob M., a minister of the Mennonite Church; Michael, the late father of John T.; Martha, the wife of Martin Buckwalter; Catherine, the wife of Daniel Puchwalter; Annie and Elizabeth, deceased.

Michael Weber, the father of John T., was born in Earl township, in 1834, and in early life he was a farmer, but later engaged in the manufacture of a kind of condition powder for horses and cattle, a preparation which gained a wide sale. Michael

















